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## Chloe “Responsive” To Treatment

By Laura Pedulli

One month after being diagnosed with acute lymphatic leukemia (ALL), Chloe Olivia Harding – a blue-eyed baby girl born on September 6, 2010 – continues to demonstrate resilience.

The Rochester girl is the youngest in the state with such a diagnosis, which she received on January 11. Her parents, 28-year-old Lindsay and Harrison Harding, are on leave and remain at her bedside at the Children’s Hospital of Boston, where she is undergoing intensive doses of chemotherapy.

ALL is a type of blood cancer that affected approximately 5,330 people in the United States in 2010, and is the most common type of leukemia in children under the age of 20, according to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Cancer Society (LLSC). Chloe is unusually young to receive a diagnosis, as most cases of ALL are detected in children 2 years or older. According to LLCS,



**Above:** Five-month old Chloe Harding, the youngest child in Massachusetts with acute lymphatic leukemia, remains resilient during her recent treatment cycle. Since being diagnosed over a month ago, the Tri-Town has rallied around the Rochester infant and her family. Photo courtesy of Jillian Bateman.

**On the Cover:** On Saturday, February 12, 2011, the Mattapoisett Land Trust members and friends toured the Brownell property, which consists of 49 acres of woodlands and wetlands in eastern Mattapoisett that the trust hopes to acquire this June. The acquisition would tie together a continuous nature preserve of 300 acres between Prospect Road, Hollywoods Road, Wattertower Park and the Dunn Preserve with access to Angelina Avenue.

The Brownell property is the home of a former blueberry farm that once included 1,500 bushes. The MLT hopes to clear the overgrowth and open up the land to blueberry picking, and extend the existing Hiller trail through the property to Prospect Road.

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most children are cured of the disease after treatment and tend to recover better than adults who receive the diagnosis.

“Chloe’s been doing really well. She’s really hanging in there,” reported her aunt, Jillian Bateman. She described her young niece as “giggling and trying to crawl” and right on task developmentally.

Doctors continue to operate on Chloe this week, and the latest round of chemotherapy began on Monday. “It is a lot for a baby,” Ms. Bateman said. Doctors are playing it safe with her care, she said. A recent cold that struck Ms. Bateman prevented her from seeing her niece for two weeks, but she said her caregivers would not risk visitors even with a small cold spreading it to Chloe. “We want to see her badly, but it hasn’t been in the cards,” she said.

Chloe’s otherwise “excellent health” has helped her in her ongoing treatment, according to Rev. Leo Christian of Rochester Congregational Church. “Everyone has been praying and waiting. She is holding up her strength,” the reverend said of the baby he baptized last year.

Rev. Christian, who is providing continual support to the family, said that “every day is up and down” as treatment is administered. “She’s a little girl with the worst disease you can have,” he said. However, Chloe is “strong” and “full of smiles,” he said, and “very responsive” to the treatment so far.

Chloe’s parents have showed strength in coping with the life changes, the reverend added. “This is something that no parent ever wants to face, but I must

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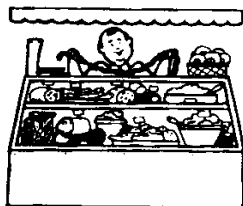
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say they have done it well. They have been really strong," he said.

In addition to her parents and two-year old brother, Wyatt, Chloe has the benefit of receiving the support of her town, Rochester. Both parents grew up in Rochester, and her grandparents Paul and Sue Moore, and Harry and Kathy Harding all reside in town as well. In addition to firmly planted roots, both parents work in local service-related professions. Chloe's father, Harrison, works at the highway department and serves as a volunteer emergency medical technician and firefighter, and her mother works at a nurse at Tobey Hospital and as an emergency volunteer technician.

"Everybody knows them," said Rev. Christian. Despite the circumstances, "it has been wonderful to see part of the whole town come together."

To help cope with the costs, Rochester Chief Dispatcher Tracy Eldridge and Paula Church, among others, are coordinating a number of events to raise funds for the family. A few upcoming events include:

- **February 26, 6:00 pm** - "Chloe's Night", a Benefit Dinner at the Highlander in Acushnet that will include a live performance from Grace Morrison and the RSO. Additional music will be by local radio host Michael Rock.

- **March 5, time TBA** - "Texas Hold 'Em" fundraising tournament at the Ponderosa in Acushnet.

- **April 9, time TBA** - "Smiles for Chloe,"

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• **April 29**, time TBA – “Texas Hold ‘Em” fundraiser at Café Funchal.

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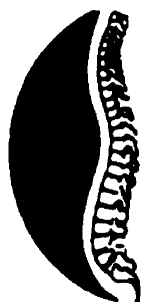


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Police offer the following prevention tips:

- Lock all doors and windows when leaving the house, even for a short while.
- Keep large sums of cash in banks and expensive jewelry in safe deposit boxes.
- Do not hide keys outside the house.
- If you have an alarm system, be sure to set it every time you leave the house.
- Do not allow items such as newspapers and mail to accumulate outside your home.

## Art in Bloom Comes to Women's Club

**By Joan Hartnett-Barry**

Two floral designers from the Museum of Fine Arts Boston treated members of the Sippican Women's Club to an Art in Bloom flower show presentation last Friday. Framed posters of Renoir's "Girls Picking Flowers in a Meadow" and David Hockney's "Garrowby Hill" were placed on easels next to buckets of flowers for arrangement inspiration and coordination.

In the workshop, one of the Renoir arrangements was said to be in the "traditional" style, with pastel flowers including roses, hydrangeas, heather, spray roses, snapdragons, orchids and leaves. The Hockney painting showed a view of the English countryside of Yorkshire with its patchwork quilt of farms and fields. Ms. Winner

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said that over \$200 worth of flowers were used in the four arrangements.

"The purpose of Art in Bloom is to complement the sculpture, painting or object, which gives the piece a second change to be viewed and studied," said Fluffy Winner, one of the designers. Ms. Winner and Donna Morrissey each did two floral interpretations of the paintings. Ms. Winner is the past chairman of flower for the MFA and designed the museum's flower room. Ms. Morrissey is a member of the Wareham Garden Club and a MFA senior associate, and a master flower show judge.

The two flower arrangement experts have worked together for many years and are on the committee responsible for all flower arrangements at the museum. Ms. Winner and Ms. Morrissey take their flower show to various garden clubs and women's clubs to publicize the museum and describe the work that goes into the creation and maintenance of the many floral pieces on display in the museum. A flower endowment fund of approximately one million dollars generates an annual budget of roughly \$50,000 for flowers. All of the floral arrangements are created by museum associates – no outside florists are used.

The Museum of Fine Arts Boston was the first museum in the country to introduce the concept of a show of art and flowers together. The annual Art in Bloom event lasts four days each spring and utilizes 50 of the museum's art objects to be interpreted through floral arrangements. The four-day event marks the busiest week of the year at the museum and will be held April 30 through May 2 in the newly opened Art of the Americas wing this year.

Both women talked and answered questions as they arranged the flowers. They provided tips on how to "condition" flowers prior to making an arrangement. "Using small scissors, clip the tip of the thorns in the rose stem, but do not remove the thorn," said Ms. Morrissey. "Clip off the leaves of the stem – don't pull them off. Cut the stem under water and leave it there for a couple of seconds," she added. "Get familiar with the people who work in the floral department of your grocery store and find out what days the flowers arrive and always buy



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"I believe that floral arranging is a true gift and a work of art in itself," said Ms. Winner. "Donna and I had the privilege to work with many international and U.S. floral designers and have been exposed to so much," she added. Ms. Winner explained that the flower arrangement course at the museum lasts four years, much like a college education, with the first two years in training and exposure, and the final two years with more responsibility and achievement. The flower committee admits 36 people every other year. In total, there are over 1,000 volunteers in all areas at the museum, she said.

The arrangements made at the Women's Club meeting were raffled off at the end of the presentation,



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*Rochester Board of Selectmen*

**By Anne Kakley**

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After a moment of silence to recognize the passing of former selectman and current Planning Board member Dan McGaffey, the minutes of the January 10 and 31 meetings were approved.

The first appointment of the meeting was a public hearing for a reported liquor license violation at Matt's Blackboard, a restaurant located in the Plumb Corner Mall. According to police chief Paul Magee, the department recently conducted a routine sting on all alcohol-serving establishments in the town, and Matt's Blackboard was included in that operation. Without any identification, a 19-year-old participant in the sting was served a beer at the restaurant. Chief Magee said that he spoke with the participant, observed the situation and spoke with the owner of the restaurant directly.

"He was visibly upset," said Chief Magee. "He took it very seriously when it happened." Chief Magee said that server training and contracted accountability would be a necessary step for the restaurant. He asked the Board to "follow past practices" in regards to liquor license violations, and recommended that they issue the restaurant a verbal warning. The Board voted to follow Chief Magee's recommendation and issued Matt's Blackboard a verbal warning for the violation.

In a second appointment, the Board met with Council on Aging Director Sharon Lally to discuss a COA expansion project. Ms. Lally said that the expansion project would add 900 square feet onto the rear portion of the COA building and would allow the COA to facilitate an expanded program. In the program, the COA could



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"Once [the program] is up and running, it would be self sustaining," said Ms. Lally, who described the planned activities as "increasing socialization" and said it would provide "respite for the loved ones who worry".

Ms. Lally said that she has been in negotiations with Wayne Davis, manager of the Norton-based Morton Buildings construction company. The company gave a favorable estimate for the project, and Ms. Lally hoped that they would be able to contract with them without bidding out the work. The money for the project would be coming from a private "Friends of the COA" group, which meant they might not have to bid the project out, Ms.

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Lally said. She discussed the matter with the Attorney General's office, who said that the issue was "a fine line", but that a vote from the selectmen would give the project autonomy in funding and bidding.

Ms. Lally said that the COA was hoping to "circumvent the other kind of bidding process" and said that accepting the quote from Morton Buildings would be "more expedient and less costly".

Mr. LaCamera, chief procurement officer for Rochester, expressed a "number of concerns" with the project, however. His two main concerns were: the fact that the privately funded annex would still rely on facilities from the federally-funded main section of the building, and that the selectmen should put together a building committee for the project.

"If you are going to put an addition on an existing [town] building, that comes under the Board of Selectmen," said Mr. LaCamera. "Is it premature to decide which direction we are going to go in?" Mr. LaCamera said the selectmen should not act until a timeline was declared and some concerns were addressed. Mr. LaCamera also asked Ms. Lally if there were any grants available for the project.

"To my knowledge, there won't be state or federal grants to apply for," said Ms. Lally. However, the group recently received a private donation of \$50,000 that was promptly earmarked for the construction project, and an additional \$20,000 from a local bank was adding to the

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project's budget.

The Board expressed support for the proposed annex on the nine-year-old building.

"What we would really like is to have the taxpayer not have to pay anything," added Pat Ryan, member of the Board of the Council on Aging. "The need is out there. It's not that we plucked this out of the air."

The consensus of the Board was that they supported the project, but they wanted to sort out the details first. "I don't think there are any concerns about moving forward," said Selectmen Morse.

"I think you have the Board's support," agreed Selectmen Nunes.

The Board voted to have town counsel Blair Bailey pursue the issue further with Ms. Lally.

A scheduled dog nuisance hearing for Michael and Shelly Delk of Ryder Road was continued. The hearing issuance was sent to the addressees, but they were not home to receive it. The hearing has been continued to February 28 at 7:15 pm in the town hall.

In his Town Administrator's report, Mr. LaCamera said that, with Mr. McGaffey's passing, the Board would have to advertise a vacancy on the Planning Board. It is too late to pull papers for the 2011 election he said, so the appointment would have to carry over into the next year as well.

In a discussion of the preliminary Fiscal Year 2012 budget, Mr. LaCamera told the Board: "we knew

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this was going to be a difficult year". He did offer some silver linings to the budget, saying that excise taxes were higher than predicted, which indicated that residents had purchased new cars since last year. Free cash, however, is down \$180,000 because SEMASS was closed for two weeks in February 2010.

The major point of contention for the town, according to Mr. LaCamera, came in the form of a budgetary increase from the Old Rochester Regional District. Mr. LaCamera admitted that Rochester was sending more students to the school, which meant that they owed more in contributions, but he said that the projected budget is \$4.6 million, about \$200,000 more than what Mr. LaCamera said was necessary. Considering the town budget would be over \$355,496 for FY 2012, the \$200,000 surplus was significant to Rochester's overall budget.

"We've got a problem," said Mr. LaCamera, who said that the town should ask the ORR for a level-funded budget, but the trick was to get Marion and Mattapoisett on board with the request. He said that a source of potential savings could be the school's health insurance line item.

The Board did not express optimism in the outreach, because a request for level funding would have to be the result of the towns reaching a consensus. Since Rochester is the only town paying more for FY 2012, a consensus with either Marion or Mattapoisett is unlikely.

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Under their action items, the Board voted to:

- Issue a range permit to the Sippican Rod and Gun Club
- Appoint Jeffrey Eldridge to the Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Commission
- Appoint part-time officers Elizabeth Rich and Benjamin Katz
- Approve over-expenditure appropriation for further snow removal. The current snow removal deficit stands at \$49,000, which Mr. LaCamera described as being "excellent" compared to other towns.
- Appoint veteran Gordon Helm to the position

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The Board announced:

- The Board of Selectmen will meet at the Rochester Town Hall at 6:30 pm on February 28, March 14 and 28, and April 11 and 25.

- The deadline to submit articles for the town meeting warrant is March 1.

- The annual town meeting will take place at Old Colony Regional Technical Vocational High School on May 9, 2011.

Furthermore, the Board read a letter from the Featherbed Development Company. In the letter, the company said that they were withdrawing their application for a 40B comprehensive permit within the Town of Rochester without prejudice.

The Board voted to adjourn at 8:20 pm.

## ZBA 40B Decision Appealed

*Marion Board of Selectmen*

**By Laura Pedulli**

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order by Vice Chairman Stephen Cushing at 7:00 pm on February 15, 2011 in the Marion Town House.

As the first order of business, the Board approved the February 1 meeting minutes unanimously. Shortly



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thereafter, the selectmen approved a one-day all alcohol license for a March 6 steak dinner at the Marion Social Club.

Given the absence of Chairman Roger Blanchette, the two-person board voted to postpone consideration of the appointment of Paul Hyde as Assistant Harbormaster and Mattapoisett Building Inspector Andy Bobola as alternative building inspector until a later meeting.

Mr. Dawson then discussed a proposal to hire Tara and Howard Engineering for \$57,500 to examine the source of perchlorate discovered last fall at West Well, which serves Marion residents but is located in Rochester. Specifically, the engineering firm would develop mitigation work to enable the town to comply with an



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administrative order filed by the DEP.

"There is no perchlorate in the drinking water because the well closed in September – however, it wouldn't be prudent to keep West Well shut off forever," Mr. Dawson stated.

The engineering bill would be paid for by currently appropriated dollars available in a source water reserve built into the enterprise fund budget, he added.

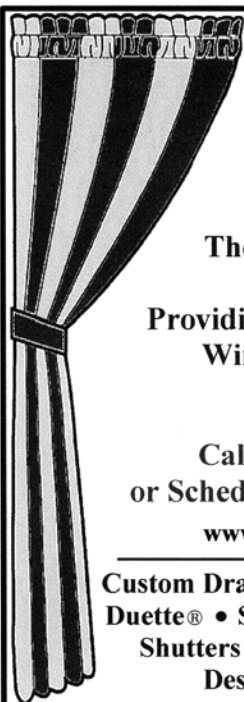
Mr. Dawson said that until more wells are tested, the source of the perchlorate remains unknown and "we're tilting at windmills to guess what it could be." He hopes to eventually test more wells within closer vicinity to West Well, but that would require Rochester residents to voluntary open up access to their property for testing.

To that end, Mr. Dawson said that he anticipates meeting with the Rochester Board of Selectmen and the Rochester Board of Health to present the engineering firm's findings in part to encourage Rochester residents to open up their property for more testing. He added that Giffords Park would soon be tested.

In other business, the Board formally declared the temporary seasonal increase in Marion population as 7,500 residents effective July 1. This designation is required by the Alcohol Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) to determine the allowable number of seasonal liquor licenses, which is based on population.

The selectmen also authorized deficit spending for snow and ice removal work by the Department of Public Works. According to Mr. Dawson, the current deficit ranges from \$34,000 to \$45,000.

Mr. Dawson also updated the board with news that the town has closed on the 52-acre Rentumis property, which it purchased using a revolving fund provided by the Coalitions of Buzzards Bay. Mr. Dawson said that a conservation restriction still is being worked



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out and requires state approval. The restriction will come before the Board for their approval, Mr. Dawson explained.

"We're pleased to report that has taken place," he said.

A discussion on proposed changes to the ambulance insurance rate maps was postponed until the first meeting of April.

The board then acknowledged the following correspondence:

- DEP notification of a waterways application for 17 Moorings Road.
- A memo from the Mattapoisett herring inspector regarding an annual herring meeting scheduled

during the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen meeting on Tuesday, February 22 at 7:20 in the Mattapoisett Town Hall.

- Notification of service upgrades from Comcast Xfinity.

- Email notification of upcoming MMA spring legislative breakfasts scheduled for February 25 and March 11.

- A letter from AFSCME Council 93 regarding collective bargaining, indicating that the DPW union is ready to begin negotiations with the town.

The board also heard updates regarding Baywatch Realty Trust, a proposed 40B project currently in litigation with the town. Mr. Dawson reported that Baywatch

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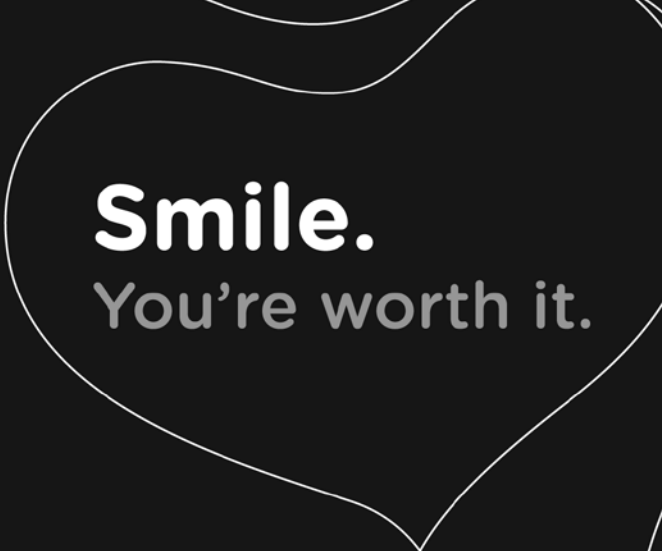
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recently won a court decision against the ZBA. In the lawsuit, a ZBA decision requiring Baywatch to launch a new hearing after presenting what the board considered to be "substantial changes" to a comprehensive permit was challenged. The Housing Appeals Chairman ruled against the town with the argument that the change was insubstantial and not needing a new hearing process.

In related news, the board learned that the town's housing production plan was formally approved by the state.

Also, Mr. Dawson told the Selectmen that the building commissioner, with assistance from the chief of police and the fire department, determined that 177 Spring Street is an unsafe building. The building had recently suffered a partial roof collapse.

In unrelated news, he said the Marion Recreation department is inviting the selectmen and the public to attend a special Marion youth basketball program on March 3 at Old Rochester Regional High School.

The board adjourned at 7:46 for the purpose of discussing strategies for upcoming collective bargaining.

### Conservation Restriction Endorsed

*Mattapoisett Conservation Committee*

**By Laura Pedulli**

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission was called to order by Chairman Macallister at 6:30 pm on Monday, February

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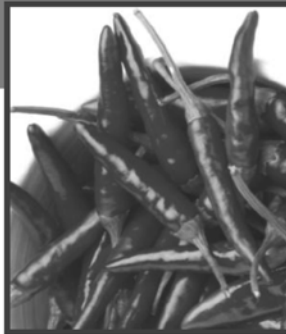
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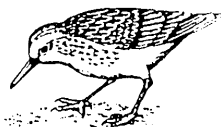
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As part of an effort to acquire land that supports the local aquifer system and the Mattapoisett River Valley, Alan Decker of the Coalitions for Buzzards Bay approached the commission for their support for a conservation restriction. This restriction would affect 42.5 acres of land off Acushnet Avenue, currently owned by Decas Cranberry Company, and would later shift ownership to the town.

"The land would support the aquifer [and local] drinking water," Mr. Decker explained. He said Buzzards Bay is seeking ConCom's approval for the restriction for Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen review and approval with a municipal certification at its upcoming meeting on February 21.

Under the pending agreement, the parcel would be restricted to passive recreational use and the town could construct a well if the need arises in the future. Mr. Decker said that landowner Nick Decas supports public access, and the Coalitions for Buzzards Bay hopes that acquisition is "a piece of a larger effort to have connection of walking trails." He said the organization already owns an adjacent parcel.

"If things go according to plan, [in the future] we'll retire the [adjacent] bog and do habitat restoration," said Mr. Decker. "I'm working with the town counsel, Kopelman and Paige, to finalize the conservation restriction and the state has seen it."

The ConCom members formally expressed support for the conservation restriction, with the stipulation that language in an accompanying draft document – which outlines in detail the definition of "passive recreation" – is included in the restriction.

In other news, Peter Newton, who joined the Conservation Commission last fall, approached the board about taking on an unprecedented role in town beach clean up. He said that the town recently received a letter from the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency (MEPA), which cited violation of its Natural Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

He said to fix the violations, the commission

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could "take a lead" to organize cleanups and facilitate compliance. He said that there have not been any beach teams assembled for this purpose since 2003, and organizing such events would be beneficial before the town's 2010-2011 MEPA review.

"If we do the beach cleanup, we can put it on the permit to show we're taking steps to comply with it," Andy Bobola, building inspector, explained.

"It would be a nice gesture to take this thing on," Mr. Newton said.

Although the commission at first expressed some hesitation about moving outside of its role as guardian of the Wetlands Protection Act, they did give Mr. Newton support to pursue two half-day beach cleanups in the



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spring and fall. The commission agreed that high school students, Old Rochester Little League, cup scouts and other youth organizations could get involved.

In other actions, the commission approved three Notice of Intents for single-family homes for Lot 28A, Lot 29A and Lot 28 at Goodspeed Island with the stipulation that the properties' coastal banks are buffered by a ten-foot "no touch" zone. A maintenance plan to remove deadwood would be allowed, however, under the approval.

The commission also approved a Request for a Determination of Applicability for Barbara Jasmin to elevate an existing structure to meet FEMA standards at 5 Creek Street.

At 7:30 pm, the commission adjourned.

### **Budget Indicates Possible Cuts**

*Old Rochester Regional School District*

**By Laura Pedulli**

A regular meeting of the Old Rochester Regional School District was called to order by Chairman Peter Bangs at 6:10 pm on February 9, 2011 in the superintendent's conference room at Old Rochester Regional High School.

A preliminary look at ORR's Fiscal Year 2012 (FY '12) draft budget shows that cutting teaching positions may be required to achieve a level funded budget, according to Superintendent Doug White.

"There is no place to go elsewhere – otherwise you'll cut into programs," Mr. White said. The FY '12 preliminary budget for ORR junior high and high school would be \$15,690,209, a \$370,251 increase or 2.42 percent increase from last year. He said to find that \$370,251, five to eight teaching positions possibly would need to be cut.

"We've got a real problem, don't we?" asked Dr. Bangs.

"We do," agreed Mr. White, saying that strategies need to be examined to find more funding, but "the budget we put in front of you is the budget we thought best for the junior high and high school level."

He added that unemployment payments to teachers cut would require "three teachers to be cut for

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One issue in the budget is town assessments – reflecting Chapter 70 state aid, transportation reimbursement, capital expenditures, and money a town owns based on student population and wealth – which Marion, Rochester and Mattapoisett are required to contribute.

Under the proposed budget, assessments would total \$13,810,013, an increase of \$133,856, with Rochester getting hit with a \$450,406, or 10 percent, increase due to changes in its student population and wealth. Both Mattapoisett and Marion would owe less this year compared to last year under the draft budget.

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reductions in state aid, in particular Chapter 70 aid and transportation reimbursement, that are in part expected because of the state's \$1.5 billion deficit.

"This year [Rochester] is getting hammered, but I don't think there is much we can do about that," Dr. Bangs said of Rochester's higher assessment.

Paul Silva, ORR school committee treasurer, said that although the changes are painful for Rochester, the contributions between the towns are starting to level out. "It has to be fair. We all feel the same pain," he said, noting that looking at town contribution per student would be worthwhile.

Overall, the draft budget represents a \$281,644 increase for professional and non-professional staff, a reduction of \$86,745 in contracted services, an increase in \$3,679 for supplies, and a \$184,724 increase in benefit and "other" costs, including health insurance and transportation.

"This is not a problem we'll solve this evening. There is a discussion needed on where cuts should be made," Dr. Bangs said.

"We'll make a priority list," said Principal Michael Devoll. "I'm not looking forward to making [the budget] public."

The committee agreed to postpone the public hearing on the ORR FY '12 to allow the budget subcommittee more time to develop strategies. The hearing had been scheduled for March 1. Also, the board



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agreed that Mr. White would present the draft budget to the Tri-Town Selectmen so they are aware of the upcoming challenges.

The outcome of staff negotiations also could affect these numbers. Dr. Bangs said that three more meetings have been scheduled throughout the spring to firm up these agreements.

As a way to bolster school revenue, the school committee did vote to increase the number of School Choice slots for next year from 22 to 50. School Choice allows out-of-district students to attend ORR in exchange for \$5,000 from the sending district.

High school and junior high principals Michael Devoll and Kevin Brogioli strongly supported opening

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up the number of slots, reporting that students currently in the program do well and that adequate space exists in both schools to accommodate a heavier load. In the high school, Mr. Devoll said three of the top ten performing students in the ninth grade class are School Choice students. "We are attracting the brightest from the sending communities," he said.

In other news, the school board approved the addition of boys and girls lacrosse team as an official school sport. About 30 students and prospective coaches, as well as Athletic Director Bill Tilden, came out to voice their support for turning the club sport into a real varsity offering at the high school.

Mr. Devoll said "student interest" prompted the request, as well as a strong Old Rochester Youth Lacrosse League (ORYL) serving 250 students in the Tri-Town ages 7 to 14 that could supply players in the future.

"This will provide an activity for 50 to 100 girls and boys," said Andrew McIntyre, president of ORYL. The ORR varsity teams would compete in the Maritime Lacrosse League.

In other business, Mr. Brogioli, junior high principal, discussed progress on four district goals he established as part of the Strategic Plan at the beginning of the year.

He reported success in the first goal, reducing paper consumption. Teachers, who are integrating more

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writing exercises into class work using "a common rubric," are working on the second goal to improve MCAS writing composition scores, he said. "I'm also planning to visit more classrooms – about three per day," he said.

In other news, the school board approved a request for an overnight junior semi-formal scheduled to take place at the ORR campus on May 20. The event will be chaperoned with a ten to one adult-to-student ratio and all adults would be CORI-checked.

Steve Murphy, district facilities manager, reported ongoing success with the installation of the Direct Digital Control system program and said that custodial staff is providing more input on methods of doing their job more effectively.

Elise Frangos, the district's curriculum director, said that workshops have been ongoing since December to allow teachers to craft common assessments that are "short, clean and expeditious." She said these workshops have enabled teachers to create professional learning communities to share expertise. "I think people have enjoyed the collaboration," she said.

In action items, the board approved the January 13 regular and January 18 executive session minutes.

At 8:50 pm, The board entered executive session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations.

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### School Report

## Spread the Word to End the Word By Anne Smith

**Word Day** – Last week, the Old Rochester Regional High School English Department celebrated Word Day in the start of a new tradition. All English classes held Word Parties, in which students were encouraged to decorate a piece of paper or index card with their favorite word, its definition, and a corresponding illustration. These pictures were placed by the students on bulletin boards in the English hallway, where they are still displayed. This was the minimum amount of participation for all students. Then, depending



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on the class, students either had to bring in food that was related to their word, dress up as their word, or act out their word. Some classes made these activities mandatory for a homework grade, while others made them count for extra credit. From the student standpoint, Word Day was a success as the majority of students enjoyed picking out their favorite words (with some students turning to the Internet for searches of wacky or interesting words) and making the related food. Word Day created unity in the English Department, as all students were doing the same assignment and had something in common to talk about. Hopefully the English teachers will find Word Day a success and bring it back to ORRHS next year.

**Spread the Word to End the Word – ORRHS** student **Colby Stabell** is bringing the Spread the Word to End the Word movement to the high school. On Wednesday, **March 2**, ORRHS will be hosting a Day of Awareness. The goal of the event is to change society's improper and hurtful use of the words "retard" or "retarded" as colloquialisms. Spread the Word to End the Word, which supports groups such as Special Olympics and Best Buddies International, seeks to promote the idea of respect and inclusion of people with disabilities. To that end, ORRHS students are being asked by Colby Stabell to visit [www.r-word.org](http://www.r-word.org), the website for Spread the Word to End the Word, in order to pledge support for the organization's intent. Students can also order Spread the Word to End the Word t-shirts or bracelets, which they are encouraged to wear to school on March 2. Students who have not ordered their t-shirt or bracelets can still do so on Friday, **February 18**, which is the last day to turn in order forms. Purchased items will be distributed to homerooms on February 28 and March 1.

**Valentine's Day at ORRHS –** Every year, ORRHS has been selling and distributing candy grams and flower grams through the Student Council. Each gram costs only a dollar, and can have a short message from the sender written on it. The candy and flowers are distributed to the homerooms on the morning of Valentine's Day. But this year, there was an addition to the Valentine's Day festivities at ORRHS. The Student Council developed the idea of giving all students a Valentine's Day card with

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kind and friendly messages from their fellow classmates. To that end, during the Word Parties, the students in each English class were given a sheet of address labels with the names of their classmates printed individually. Students were asked to write either a short note or a word describing the positive character traits of that person, and then the Student Council collected the sheets so they could create the cards. These cards were also distributed to homerooms on Valentine's Day.

**Hearts for Hearts Dance** – Sadly, this year's dance (which would have been last Friday) has been canceled due to a lack of interest from students. Ticket sales fell about thirty short of the minimum necessary to have the dance. This is not the first time a dance has been canceled – the Hearts for Hearts Dance, which was renamed from the Snowball a few years ago, has historically been unpopular. ORRHS students had to celebrate Valentine's Day this year without the corresponding dance.

### **Sports Shorts**

By Benjamin Resendes

**Old Rochester Dance Team** – The ORR girls' team has continued dancing at all of the basketball games, in addition to hard training and practices. For them, the season is almost over, with only a few short weeks remaining in the season. In fact, later this spring they will hold some tryouts for next season's team.

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second annual showcase on April 14," reported Team Captain **Adriann Corazzini**. "Everyone is welcome to try out. We are going to UDA camp and that will help us prepare for the new competitions. Our new coach, **Teah Johnson**, has been a wonderful addition to the team, along with alumni **Bethanie Bassett** as the assistant coach," she added.

The girls' team has had a fantastic season, and they are much appreciated by the ORR basketball teams for the support and energy they have brought to the courts. They support everyone to audition for the team and see what talent they can add.

**Old Rochester Girls Track – Ally Saccone** started small, but she built herself up and now her name is recognized by everyone in the track community. Most recently, Ms. Saccone brought the Old Rochester girls' team to their second South Coast Conference in three years. With a leading team score of 88 points, Ms. Saccone was able to add to that by jumping a first place height of 5-1 (a personal best). She also placed first in the 50-yard dash, running a 6.2 second race. Ms. Saccone was on the original roster to run the 4x400, however was pulled out by Coach Bill Tilden after her first two successes.

Ms. Saccone was not the only star of the night. Behind her, placing second place honors in the high jump, was teammate **Paige Santos** who jumped an amazing 4-10. In the 50 hurdles was **Therese Morss** who ran a great 7.5-second race, placing first. Also winning for the girls'

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track team was **Emily Roseman** with a 5:48 mile time.

**Old Rochester Boys Track** – The boys' team had an amazing victory as they won their first South Coast Conference title. **Dana Dourdeville** is responsible for such a win as he ran the leg for the male 4x400; the boys placed second in this race, however it gave them the points they needed to win with an 81-80 against Voc Tech. During the meet, there was an unfortunate mishap involving the two-mile race. An official made an error and started the race with 19 laps instead of the 20 (The correct number of laps needed to complete 2-miles at New Bedford Voc's track). The error caused the entire race to be wiped off the scoreboard, and all runners' scores were no longer admissible to the total point count. This was unfortunate for **Mike Wyman**, who placed third in the race. The 4x400 was already underway as this news reached ORR coaches. The only runners that knew how much weight the final race held were **Mike Tiger**, **Ian Knapton** and Mr. Dourdeville. The combo ran the race and in finished second place with a score of 3:43.3.

**Old Rochester Boy's Basketball** – The Bulldogs had a close game against Bishop Stang as they lost 59-66 last week. The Spartans were struggling for the entire first half, but only won when they had a comeback of 17 points in the final quarters. Bishop Stang has gone on to qualify for the state tournament. Unfortunately, Old Rochester has not qualified for the states. On the happy side of a sad day, **Matt Beatty** and **Brendan Parker** were able to

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each score a team high of 13 points. Despite the loss, the Bulldogs had a great season, and are bidding farewell to many senior players who contributed mass amounts of talent to the team. There is still going to be much expected from they boys next season, as new players will become stars.

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During 2010 the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment (HIRE) Act gives employers a financial incentive to hire new employees by combining forgiveness for employer paid Social Security taxes along with an additional tax credit if the new employee stays on the payroll for at least 52 weeks.

## **Standard IRA to Roth Conversions**

Starting in 2010, individuals with any amount of income will be able to convert a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. Under prior law this provision was only available to taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes of less than \$100,000. Conversions are treated as a taxable distribution, but are not subject to the 10% early withdrawal penalty. Income recognized from the conversion can be taxed on your 2010 tax return or averaged over two years.

## **Health Insurance Deductible for Self-employed in 2010**

Starting January 1, 2010, self-employed individuals may deduct the cost of health insurance premiums paid for the taxpayer and his or her immediate family as an expense when computing self-employment taxes. Under the old law, health insurance costs could be deducted as an expense for purposes of income taxes but not self-employment.

Because health insurance premiums have increased significantly, the savings in being able to deduct the premium costs against self-employment and income should be significant; making this a nice tax break for the self-employed.

## **How Long Do I Need to Keep My Tax Records?**

There are many records and documents, such as your W-2, 1099 interest and dividend statements, and so on, that support the numbers you put on your tax return. You'll need these documents should the IRS select your return for audit. Most IRS examinations go smoothly and quickly if you are well organized and can produce support for any numbers in question. On the other hand, audits can become a nightmare if you're unprepared and can't prove what's been reported. The first step to being prepared is to organize the records at the time you're preparing the return and then keep them with your return. If some of your records need to be stored in other locations, make a copy of the document for your tax return file. If you get questioned, trying to reassemble records after a couple years have past by can be time consuming and stressful.

Records you should keep include bills, credit card and other receipts, invoices, mileage logs, canceled, imaged or substitute checks, proofs of payment, and any other records to support deductions or credits you claim on your return. How long you need to keep your records depends on the circumstance. The general rule, which follows the statute of limitations, is to keep your tax records a minimum of three years. There are a number of exceptions to the three year rule. For example, if the document will affect a future tax return, such as the purchase of real estate, the three year rule won't start until the transaction closes, that is when you sell real estate. Documents, such as a medical bill, affecting only the current year can usually be destroyed after three years.

## **New Law Eases Cell Phone Reporting**

In 1989, when the old cell phone rules were developed, cell phones were expensive and considered a luxury item used primarily by executives. Congress decided to tax them the way it taxes the personal uses of employer-provided automobiles. Under this classification, called "listed property," employers are denied a tax deduction unless they document the cell phone business use and business purpose. Employees were required to include the value of their personal use in their income.

Starting in 2010, cell phones and similar telecommunication devices used for business are no longer subject to the "listed property" reporting requirements. This means employers may deduct the cost of providing cell phones to employees for business-related use without having to satisfy the strict substantiation requirements for listed property.

## **New Law Extends Phase-Out Repeal**

The new *2010 Tax Relief Act* extends the repeal of the itemized deduction and personal exemption phase-outs for two additional years, through December 31, 2012. To help stimulate the economy Congress had repealed the high income phase-outs for 2010, but they were scheduled to return in full during 2011.

Itemized deductions are expenses individual taxpayer can re-port on their tax returns to reduce taxable income. A personal exemption is a stated amount allowed by the government to reduce taxable income. Individuals are allowed to claim a personal exemption for themselves and one for each dependent they support.

Under prior law both itemized deductions and personal exemptions were subject to phase-out rules. In other words, if your income exceeded certain thresholds both the itemized deduction and your personal exemptions were reduced. Starting in 2010 and extending through 2012 those income limits have been repealed.

## **Credit Card fees for Tax payments**

Don't overlook deducting the convenience fees you pay for making tax payments, including estimated tax payments, using your credit card. These fees can be included as a Miscellaneous Itemized Deduction on Schedule A. Of course, Miscellaneous Itemized Deductions must exceed 2 percent of your adjusted gross income before they count. Many taxpayers exceed this limit with other expenses in this category which includes tax preparation fees, investment fees, IRA maintenance fees, etc. Ask your tax preparer about other expenses which qualify in the Miscellaneous Itemized Deductions.

## **American Opportunity credit replaces the Hope credit**

If you need help paying for college, you'll be glad to hear about the American Opportunity Credit. The new education credit, originally passed in the 2009 Recovery Act, modifies and expands the Hope credit for tax years 2009 and 2010. The *2010 Tax Relief Act* extends the credit for two more years, through December 31, 2012.

The credit provides undergraduates a dollar for dollar reduction of taxes, up to \$2,500 of the first \$4,000 of qualifying educational expenses. Qualified expenses have been expanded from the Hope credit rules. In addition to tuition, they included expenditures for required course materials such as books, supplies and equipment needed for a course whether or not the materials are purchased from the school.

Unlike the Hope credit, the American Opportunity Credit can be used for all four college years and is refundable up to \$1,000. You can receive a refund of up to forty percent of the credit, even though you owe no tax. The full credit is available for tax payers with modified adjusted gross income of \$80,000 or less, \$160,000 or less for married couples filing jointly. The credit is phased out for taxpayers with incomes above these levels.

## **New Reporting for Rental Property Expenses**

The Small Business Jobs Act passed in September 2010 requires individuals receiving income from rental property to file information returns. Starting January 1, 2011, payments of \$600 or more during the calendar year will require an information return be sent to the IRS and the vendor providing the service.



## First-time Home buyer Credit Extended into 2010

In November of 2009, Uncle Sam improved the first-time home buyers tax credit once more by expanding the definition of who qualifies as a first-time home buyer and extending the time to purchase your home through April 30, 2010.

For homes acquired after November 6, 2009 credit is no longer restricted to first-time purchases. Under the new rules, long-time residents may be eligible for a reduced credit. To qualify, you must have lived in your old residence for any five consecutive year period during the last eight years, ending on the date your new residence is purchased. The credit for long-term home buyers is 10 percent of the qualifying home's purchase price up to a maximum credit of \$6,500.

The time to purchase your home has also been extended to April 30, 2010. If a taxpayer enters into a binding contract to buy prior to May 1st and the property closes prior to July 1, 2010 the taxpayer will be eligible for the credit.

The new law raises the income threshold for which the credit is phased out. Under the old law, single taxpayers were phased out between \$75,000 and \$95,000 income. Under new law the phase-out begins at \$125,000. For married taxpayers the old law phased out the credit between \$150,000 and \$170,000. Under the new law the phase-out begins at \$225,000.

Also included in the new law is a purchase price limit of \$800,000. Under prior law there was no ceiling placed on the price of the home. Under the new law, once the price paid for the property exceeds \$800,000 no credit is available.

## Making Work Pay Credit

The Making Work Pay credit allows a dollar for dollar reduction of your taxes equal to 6.2 percent of your wages up to a maximum credit of \$400 for single filers, \$800 if you're married and file jointly. The credit will be available for 2009 and 2010.

Uncle Sam put limitations on who will be eligible to take the credit. For high income taxpayers, those with modified adjusted gross incomes exceeding \$75,000 for single filers, \$150,000 for joint filers, the credit will be reduced by 2 percent of your income in excess of these limits. For example, if you were a single taxpayer with modified adjusted gross income of \$90,000, (\$15,000 over the \$75,000 limit) your Making Work Pay credit would be \$100. This is calculated by multiplying your \$15,000 excess income by 2 percent to get your phase-out of \$300 and then subtracting your phase-out from the \$400 maximum credit allowed. Other limitations disallow the credit for nonresident aliens and dependents claimed on another taxpayer's return.

## Can't Pay the Taxes?

Paying your taxes in full and on time avoids unnecessary penalties and interest. However, if you cannot pay your taxes, you may request a payment agreement. Individuals who owe \$25,000 or less in combined tax, penalties, and interest can use the on-line payment application process to request a payment agreement. This application will allow your tax preparer to qualify, apply for an installment agreement, and receive immediate notification of approval.

## Business Travel

If you incur travel costs in your business it may be a good time to review the rules to ensure that requirements are being met and you're getting the maximum deduction available.

Uncle Sam defines travel expenses as the ordinary and necessary expenses of traveling away from home for your business, profession, or job. Let's look at the separate components of this definition.

First, the expense must be ordinary and necessary. An ordinary expense does not have to be required to be considered necessary but must have a business purpose. A fishing pole may be ordinary and necessary for a coastal fisherman while it may have no application to a car salesman in Idaho.

To be deductible, the taxpayer must meet the away from home rule. You are considered to be traveling away from home if you are out of the general area of your tax home longer than an ordinary day's work, and you need to sleep or rest to meet the demands of your work. For example, an airline pilot who flies a regular 16 hour, round-trip flight between two cities, and holds over for 10 hours at the turn-around point is considered to be away from home overnight. A truck driver who leaves early in the morning on a 400 mile, out-of-state run holds over at the turn-around point for an hour. During the holdover the driver rests while the truck is loaded. The driver does not meet the away-from home rule even though he is 200 miles away because the holdover period is not adequate to get necessary sleep. It is not necessary that you are away from home for more than 24 hours. Once you have determined that you meet the traveling away from home requirements you must determine which expenses are deductible. Uncle Sam says that only ordinary and necessary expenses you have are deductible. The type of expense that you can deduct depends on the facts and circumstances.

## New Law Increases Form 1099 Reporting

While no one was paying attention, Congress quietly expanded the business information reporting requirements and slipped it into the Health Care Reform Act passed in March 2010. The new law will impact millions of businesses.

Under the old law, businesses were required to issue 1099s in limited circumstances, primarily to non corporate taxpayers for services received. Under the new law, effective for payments beginning in 2012, businesses that pay amounts greater than \$600 during the year to both corporate and non corporate taxpayers, for either services or product purchases, will be required to file a Form 1099, Information Report to each taxpayer and with the IRS.

Businesses will need to collect all the necessary reporting information including taxpayer identification number, name and address from each vendor paid over \$600 in aggregate during the calendar year. This will be a huge burden on small business.

## Increased Start-Up Expense Deduction Available for 2010

When starting a new business the amount of first year qualified business start-up expenses that can be expensed are limited. Start-up costs that cannot be deducted in the first year may be amortized or written-off over 180 months, starting with the month the business begins.

Under prior law, you could generally only deduct up to \$5,000 in start-up costs in year one. The Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 has doubled the first year write-off to \$10,000. The first year deduction is also limited by the amount the total start-up costs exceed a phase-out threshold of \$60,000. For every dollar your start-up costs exceed \$60,000 you must reduce your first year write-off of \$10,000 until it reaches zero.

## Sec. 179 Expensing Gets Expansion

Hoping to spur the economy, President Obama has increased the benefits of the Code Section 179 election. Most new equipment purchases may be depreciated over the life of the equipment or using the Sec. 179 election, expensed in the year of purchase.

In 2009, the maximum Sec. 179 expense deduction was limited to \$250,000. Under the new law the maximum deduction has been increased to \$500,000. There are limitations to the amount of equipment that may be purchased during the year and still qualify to take a Sec. 179 election.

In 2009, the deduction began to phase out dollar for dollar after reaching \$800,000 in total equipment purchases. Under the new law this limit is increased to \$2 million.

There is an additional benefit under the law. The definition of "qualifying property" has been expanded to include qualified real property, which includes qualified leasehold improvement property, qualified restaurant property and qualified retail improvement property. The qualified real property category is limited to a maximum of \$250,000 rather than the \$800,000 for other property. The new law is effective for equipment purchases beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2011.

## Another Year of Bonus Depreciation

In September 2010, President Obama signed into law an extension of the 50 percent depreciation originally begun in 2008. Then in December, the *2010 Tax Relief Act* increased the 50 percent bonus to 100 percent. The new 100 percent bonus is retroactive for qualified property purchased after September 8, 2010 and through December 2011. Beginning in January of 2012, the new law makes 50 percent bonus depreciation available through December of 2012.

Eligible property generally includes business property classified as accelerated cost recovery property with a depreciation period of 20 years or less. This includes:

- Water utility property
- Off-the-shelf computer software
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### **Marion Kindergarten Registration**

Children who will be five years of age by August 31, 2011, and reside in Marion are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten. Kindergarten registration will be held at Sippican School on Wednesday, **March 9** from 9:30 to 10:30 am and Thursday, **March 10** from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

During these times, registration forms will be processed and new parents will have the opportunity

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Information and forms will be mailed by Friday, February 18 to the parents of all prospective kindergartners. Any parent not receiving this information should call Cathy Caramanica at Sippican School at 508-748-0100, ext. 316.

### **Marion Annual Town Election**

Marion's Annual Town Election will be held on Friday, **May 20**. Nomination papers for elected positions are now available at the Town Clerk's office, 2 Spring Street, Marion. The following positions are open:

- Selectman: one position for three years
- Assessor: one position for three years
- Town Clerk: one position for three years
- Moderator: one position for one year
- Board of Health: one position for three years
- Planning Board: three positions for three years

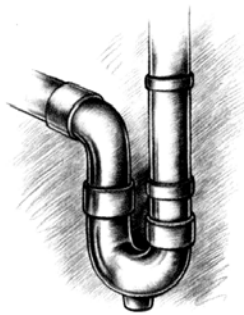
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**Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program**

- Monday, **February 21**: Holiday-Site closed
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a parenting presentation. On **March 16**, Pediatric Occupational Therapist Bridget Kearns will present "Sensory Motor Integration and How It Affects Learning in All Children". This training will be held at Sippican School in Marion from 6:30 to 8:30 pm and the cost is \$10 per family. Please call the Early Childhood Office at 508-748-1863 to sign up.

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All residents are urged to check their current listings in the 2009/2010 Blue Book (the last edition) to be sure they are accurate. Residents who have recently moved into town, who have moved within town in the past two years, who have unlisted numbers, and those whose phone numbers do not appear in the Verizon Directory must submit their updated information, using one of above options.

Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester residents who are new to the area or who are not listed in the Verizon telephone directory and who would like to be included in the Blue Book may submit their entry information by emailing it to: [lwvphonebook@comcast.net](mailto:lwvphonebook@comcast.net) or mailing it to LWV Phone Book, PO Box 812, Marion, MA 02738. Include your name, address including P.O. Box number and ten-digit phone number as you want it to appear in the book. Call 508-748-2542 with any questions.

### Tri-Town Early Childhood Program

The Tri-Town Early Childhood Program, located at Old Rochester Regional High School, is currently accepting applications for the 2011/2012 school year. A limited number of spaces are available. Applications will be accepted until **April 1**. The enrollment policy is based on a balance of three and four-year-olds, a balance of boys

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### South Coast Sustainable Cinema

The South Coast Sustainable Cinema series will be presenting a free screening of the film the "Yes Men Fix the World" on Thursday, **February 17** from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. The screening will take place at Tabor Academy on 85 Spring Street in Marion, MA and will be followed by a question and answer session. Doors open at 6:45 pm and seating will be first come first served. For directions, please visit [www.marioninstitute.org](http://www.marioninstitute.org).

The "Yes Men Fix the World" is a screwball true story about two gonzo political activists who, posing as top executives of giant corporations, lie their way into big business conferences and pull off the world's most outrageous pranks from New Orleans to India to New York City.

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### WWII Veterans Share Stories

Please come to the Mattapoisett Historical Museum to learn from the experiences and memories of Martin Smith and Norman Cayer, both veterans of the Second World War on Sunday, **March 6** at 2:00 pm in the Historical Society Museum and Carriage House. Refreshments will follow.

In 1944, during World War II, Staff Sergeant Martin Smith was a tail gunner for a Flying Fortress, or B-17, flying on his eighth heavy bombing mission to Germany. His plane crashed in France, and he spent the remainder of the war in two German POW Stalags. Martin will bring this to life through the stories he brings to the Mattapoisett Historical Society, including ones about a near lynching, a nightmare trek across Germany, and the ingenious ways in which POWs coped with hunger and the tedium of the Stalag existence. Martin will also bring artifacts from his POW days including a knapsack crafted from a shirt, a hat that he bartered for cigarettes, and his diary written on the backs of cigarette packages.

Petty Officer First Class Norman Cayer enlisted in the Navy in 1942 while still a student at Providence College. His first assignment at sea was on a small oil vessel. Later he was aboard a personnel carrier that participated in the invasion of Okinawa in April 1945. This carrier was part of a 1000-vessel fleet that had to move in unison. Okinawa was the largest amphibious invasion of the Pacific campaign and the last major campaign of the Pacific War. More ships were used, more troops put ashore, more supplies transported, more bombs dropped, and more naval guns were fired against shore targets than any other operation in the Pacific. After WWII, Norman returned home, but remained a member of the Fleet Reserve of New Bedford. As a young husband, father, and a reporter, Norman was recalled to serve in the Korean Conflict. He served aboard the Tarawa, a carrier out of Brooklyn, NY as well as the USS Wright. Norman will describe daily life aboard a naval carrier as well as personal experiences of the conflict including harrowing storms at sea.

### Gospel Choir Performance

On Saturday, **February 19** at 7:00 pm, the Tremont Temple Gospel Choir will present a concert at Community Baptist Church of Marion located at 441 Front Street, (Route 105) in Marion.

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diverse mix of people with different backgrounds, united in singing together for the glory of the Lord. The Gospel Choir has sung for various churches in the greater Boston area, the Annual Gathering of the American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts and was recently chosen as one of the gospel choir finalists in the "How Sweet the Sound" gospel choir competition in Newark, New Jersey.

A free-will offering will be taken that evening for the benefit of the choir.

#### **Machacam Club News**

The Machacam Club will hold its next meeting on **March 2** at the Legion Hall, 3 Depot Street. Social time is 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm.

The February Machacam meeting was canceled, but February's speaker has agreed to visit in March. Thanks to Will Collyer, the Machacam speaker will be Chris Folan, an environmental police officer. Officer Folan will show a taped presentation and answer questions from the membership. With all the discussion on NOAA's "Catch Shares" initiative, it should be a most interesting meeting.

Callers are asked to bear in mind the importance of call list accuracy. Please report your lists not later than 9:00 pm on February 28 by calling 508-758-9311 or email [epfmr@aol.com](mailto:epfmr@aol.com). Members may make last minute changes by calling the same phone number or email no later than 9:00 am on March 1.

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## Notices to Rochester Residents

• **Rochester Fiscal Year 2010 tax bills** were mailed January 21. The first half payment is due **February 22**. The second half will be due **May 2**. If paying by personal online banking, allow sufficient time for the bank to generate a check and mail it to the Town. Please supply sufficient information on the check identifying which bill should be credited. If you have not received your tax bill in the mail, please contact the Collector's Office at 508-763-3871 ext. 16. If you have questions regarding property values and abatements please contact the Assessor's office at 508-763-5250.

• **Transfer Station and Marion beach permits** are available at the Selectmen's office. The permits have been combined for a fee of \$20. Your vehicle registration is required at time of purchase. Wings Cove permits must now be obtained from the Town of Marion.

## Mattapoisett Transfer Station

In Mattapoisett, 2011 transfer station stickers are in. Residents can purchase the stickers at the transfer

station between the hours of 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Thursday and Friday and on Saturday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Stickers can also be purchased at the Town Hall in the Board of Health's office between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

## Marion Street Census Reminder

For Marion residents, please return or telephone in the 2011 Annual Street Listing (Census) immediately to the Marion Town Clerk, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738.

Home visits will be made to all residents failing to respond. Please contact the Town Clerk's office at 508-748-3502 with questions.

## COA Seeks Board Members

The Mattapoisett Council on Aging is currently accepting letters of interest from individuals wishing to be considered for a seat on the COA Advisory Board. The board is seeking individuals interested in contributing fresh ideas for current and new programming in support

# MILESTONES

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## Obituaries

**Helen W. (Burke) Hall**, 100, of Mattapoisett died Tuesday February 8, 2011 at Sippican Healthcare Center in Marion. She was the wife of the late John W. Hall.

Born in Taunton, the daughter of the late Daniel L. and Margaret (Kane) Burke, she lived in New York City for many years before retiring to Mattapoisett in 1972.

Mrs. Hall was formerly employed as a registered nurse for the R.H. Macy Company in New York City. She was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church.

Mrs. Hall was a graduate of Taunton High School and Boston University School of Nursing. She was a member of the Mattapoisett Women's Club and was the former chairman of the gardening group and the travel group. She enjoyed reading and playing bridge.

Survivors include two sons, William Hall and his wife Bonnie of Rye, NY and James Hall and his wife Margaret of New Bern, NC; his daughter-in-law, Maura Hall of Rye, NY; eight grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren. She was the mother of the late John Hall.

Arrangements were by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett. For online condolence book, please visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).

**Frances C. (Healey) Nolen**, 94, of Mattapoisett died Friday January 14, 2011 at Sippican Healthcare Center. She was the wife of the late John Nolen.

Survivors include a son, John Nolen, Jr. of Quincy; a brother, Thomas Healey, Jr. of Everett, MA; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday,

February 22nd at 9 AM in St. Anthony's Church. Burial will follow in St. Anthony's Cemetery. For online condolence book, please visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com)

**Brian Borges**, 49, of Mattapoisett, passed away, Saturday, February 12, 2011, at Brigham and Women's Hospital, in Boston, after a brief illness.

Born in New Bedford, the son of the late Antone "Bill" Borges and the late Amelia (Carreiro) Borges, he was a lifelong resident of Mattapoisett and communicant of St. Anthony's Church.

Brian was an operating engineer and member of the Local #4 Union for the past 18 years. He worked for D.W. White Construction for the past 22 years.

He is survived by two brothers; Antone S. Borges and his wife, Rosemary, of Dartmouth, and Allan J. Borges and his wife, Ellen, of Marion; a sister, Kathleen T. Reusch and her husband, Gary, of Mattapoisett; six nieces, his Godchild, Caitlin Reush, of Mattapoisett, Rebecca Borges, of Chicago, IL, Melissa Melanson, of Wareham, Julie Borges, of New Bedford, Krystal Reusch, of Mattapoisett, and Charyl Borges, of Portsmouth, NH; four nephews, Shawn Borges, of Dartmouth, Brad Borges, of Marion, Matthew Borges, of Mattapoisett, and Jeremy Borges, of Fairhaven; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. Brian was the brother of the late Michael Borges.

In accordance with his wishes, he will be cremated, and calling hours will be, Friday, from 5-8 PM, in the Fairhaven Funeral Home, 117 Main Street, Fairhaven. A Memorial Mass will be held, Saturday, February 19, 2011, at 9:00 AM, in St. Anthony's Church, Mattapoisett, followed by interment in Cushing Cemetery, Mattapoisett.

of well being throughout later life. Individuals should be prepared to attend board meetings the first Wednesday of each month at 8:00 am. Please send letters to COA Board Search Committee, at the Mattapoisett COA, P.O. Box 528, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

### Tri-Town Flood Plain Map

As part of the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Map Modernization Program, the Towns of Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester will be receiving new digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMS) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports as part of a countrywide update for Plymouth County, Massachusetts. A previous correspondence had indicated that map adoption would occur during late 2010 or early 2011.

In order to accommodate due process activities and allow each community's annual meetings to adopt the new DFIRMS and FIS report, the Letter of Final Determination will now be scheduled between December 2011 and January 2012, making the maps effective June/ July 2012.

### Harlem Ambassadors Tour

The internationally-acclaimed Harlem Ambassadors will be visiting Mattapoisett for a game at Old Rochester Regional High School on Friday evening, **April 8** at 7:00 pm. The Harlem Ambassadors offer a



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The Harlem Ambassadors will challenge the Tri-Town Trotters at ORR Regional High School Gym. The Tri-Town Trotters, a team of teachers from the Tri-Town area, will take the court in an attempt to hand the Harlem Ambassadors their first defeat. Catch all the action and cheer on your favorite teacher.

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# EDITOR'S PICK OF THE WEEK

*The Moderate Parent*

## 21st Century Bullying

By Anne Kakley

When I was a kid, there was this thing called a “corded phone”. It was big, it was bulky, and it had a funny dial on it. Imagine how exhausting it must’ve been, to walk across the house, spin the dial seven times, and stand in one place while you called your friend and asked them to go out and play!

It took effort and foresight to talk with your friends back then, and it took even more effort for a bully to reach you. No one called the house and said “Is Anne there? I would like to bully her over the phone, please.”

Nope, if you were one of the unlucky ones who got bullied – and yes, I was one – you could escape it when you came home. At home, you were distracted by your family, your hobbies (that didn’t include the Internet), and by the end of the day – you might be able to forget about your bully. Also, your bully forgot about you – they retreated into their own world of insecurities, and there was no Facebook to up the daily ante.

Nowadays, bullying is as easy as opening your laptop. It exists in the far-reaching corners of cyberspace, in manifestations that vary from very public to very private. There is no place – not even your home – that is safe from the troubles of childhood teasing.

No one is safe. Just last week, Facebook creator Mark Zuckerberg announced that he has a Facebook stalker, prompting the social media icon to pull a restraining order on an overly zealous fan.

Bullies – are they a faceless mob of evildoers, bent on ruining lives? No – probably more like bored, frustrated, unhappy kids (and sometimes adults), who try to escape their own insecurities through the age-old practice of demeaning others. The Internet makes it easier to accomplish and harder to feel empathy, since the “bully” can’t view the reaction of their victim.

Stalking and bullying is easier – and meaner – than ever. But going without any social media, even for a middle school kid, can be isolating – and let’s face it, the information age requires that we raise our kids to have some access to the Internet. So what is the moderate approach?

“Get involved with your child’s online activities,”



**Anne Kakley**  
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says Millie Ann Cavanaugh, an attorney practicing law in Massachusetts, in an article titled *Cyberbullying Can Have Deadly Consequences*. “Require that all passwords be divulged to you and make it a policy to audit regularly. If your child has an online web page... visit it often to see what he or she is posting. This goes for parents of both the bullies and the victims.”

The advice is sound – knowing about your child’s Internet presence is paramount to their physical and emotional wellbeing. As parents, we want to give our children autonomy, but we have to be the bad guy that insists on accessing their personal information until they are legally old enough to make sound decisions for themselves.

Teachers are also partnering with educators to make the Internet a safe place in which to learn and communicate. In January, Old Rochester Regional teachers, faculty and staff attended anti-bullying workshops to help in the region’s effort to comply with the state’s new bullying legislation. The legislation requires that all caretaking adults in the school system report cases of bullying. In a recent report, Sippican

School principal Lyn Rivet said that the school was reporting one to two cases of bullying a week, and these reports must have parental inclusion to make sure that parents are fully aware of what challenges their children are facing at school.

And the schools are turning the tables, using the Internet to keep kids safe from bullying, too. The Old Rochester Regional Junior High School has a section on its main page where students can report – anonymously or otherwise – any cases of bullying during the school or on the weekend.

Is it kids being kids? Yes. Kids are always going to tease each other, for the purpose of bolstering themselves,

ensuring a spot with the cool kids, and separating themselves from identities that they don’t want to portray. And the biggest challenge for parents is knowing when to let kids resolve differences themselves and when to mediate.

Some websites to help you become cyber-savvy:

- [www.MediaLit.org](http://www.MediaLit.org) – Helps adults learn the social networks in which their kids are interacting, to make parents more aware of how they can foster appropriate internet usage.
- [www.OnGuardOnline.gov](http://www.OnGuardOnline.gov) – Governmental website that teaches parents and kids on the identity risks involved in being online, and how to avoid being a victim.
- [iKeepSafe.org](http://iKeepSafe.org) – Gives advice on how to deal with cyberbullying issues.

Contact: [anne@wanderer.com](mailto:anne@wanderer.com)







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The Rochester and Mattapoisett Lions Clubs are bringing this event to the Tri-Town area. Proceeds go directly to local schools and other Lions charities. Individuals and businesses can support local schools with a program ad or as an event sponsor. Visit [www.MattapoisettLionsClub.org](http://www.MattapoisettLionsClub.org) for more information or call Don at 508-450-5475 or Deb at 508-287-1946.

### Old Rochester Little League

• **Registration** – Old Rochester Little League is pleased to announce that registration for the 2011 season is underway. Registration for the newly formed Old Rochester Little League will continue via an online process until **February 25**. Interested players can download a printable registration form at: [www.orll.net](http://www.orll.net). Children ages 5-15 as of April 30 who live within the Old Rochester Little League boundaries (Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester) are eligible to enroll. Registration is required, even for players who participated in the former MYBA or Marion Recreational leagues previously.

• **Junior League Baseball** – Old Rochester Little League also is pleased to announce the addition of a Junior League Baseball for players ages 13-15. Junior League baseball is a division of Little League and is the next division after Major League. Junior League baseball

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is played on regulation-sized fields with a pitching distance of sixty feet and bases being ninety feet apart. Registration for the newly formed Junior League of the ORLL will continue through an online process through **February 25**. A registration form can be downloaded at [www.orll.net](http://www.orll.net).

For all leagues, the signature of at least one parent or legal guardian will be required, with proof of residence (copy of child's report card preferred), and an original or state-certified copy of the child's birth certificate. The documents will be inspected, copied, filed and returned at the opening of the season.

Little League, founded in 1939 in Williamsport, PA, is the world's largest youth sports program with more than 2.8 million children and 1 million volunteers in more than 100 countries. More than 30 million people have played in Little League programs. This year, approximately 300 children will compete in several divisions of play in baseball in Old Rochester Little League.

For more, please contact us at [orllquestions@gmail.com](mailto:orllquestions@gmail.com) or visit [www.orll.net](http://www.orll.net) to "Ask a Question". For more information on Little League, visit the Little League Website at [www.LittleLeague.org](http://www.LittleLeague.org).

• **Logo Contest** – ORLL is hosting a logo contest with a cash prize of \$250 to the winner. The contest is open to everyone and the deadline **March 18**.

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# TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



*Above & Below: To an attentive audience of proud parents and music lovers, the South Coast Children's Chorus held its inaugural concert, "This Shall Be For Music", on February 13, 2011 at the St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Marion. Photos by Felix Perez.*



*Above: Jim Pierson spoke about his experiences collecting fossils during an afterschool program at the Marion Natural History Museum in early February 2011. Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Liedhold.*



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the community and we now need the community's assistance in creating an icon that supports who we are and is unique to the Tri-Town. We will proudly use the new identity in all forms of the leagues communication medium. We will use this on letterhead, forms, advertising, signage and on the league's website," said Jamie Dwyer, league president.

Please mail entries, including name, age, address and phone number to: P.O. Box 236 Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Contact Jamie Dwyer by email at [jdwyer33@verizon.net](mailto:jdwyer33@verizon.net) or by phone 508-415-3955 with any questions. The contest winner will be announced March 25.

## ORCTV News

- **Video Camps** – ORCTV is offering two video production camps to Tri-Town youth. These camps will run during the **February** and **April vacation weeks**. Youth will learn digital camcorders, editing and studio production. Space is limited. The cost is \$100 per child, per session, ages 11-14. Please call ORCTV at 508-748-1600 to sign up or for more information. Price includes snacks, a t- shirt and annual membership.

## Marion Council on Aging

- **Tax Preparation Assistance** – Appointments are available for tax assistance on Wednesdays in February at 1:00 pm. Call 508-748-3570 for more information.

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weather is bad, the COA will not be providing transportation. When in doubt call the office. As a general rule, if schools are closed, then the vans will not be running.

- **Grocery Shopping** – A change in the grocery shopping schedule has occurred. The first and third Wednesday of the month we will be providing transportation to the Wareham area. The first and third Wednesdays to Market Basket in New Bedford and the alternate Wednesdays to Price Rite. Pick up begins at 12:45 pm. Passengers must call the office to reserve a spot.

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### BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

- ☐ Amy Adams in "The Fighter"
- ☐ Helena Bonham Carter in "The King's Speech"
- ☐ Melissa Leo in "The Fighter"
- ☐ Hailee Steinfeld in "True Grit"
- ☐ Jacki Weaver in "Animal Kingdom"

### BEST ACTRESS

- ☐ Annette Bening in "The Kids Are All Right"
- ☐ Nicole Kidman in "Rabbit Hole"
- ☐ Jennifer Lawrence in "Winter's Bone"
- ☐ Natalie Portman in "Black Swan"
- ☐ Michelle Williams in "Blue Valentine"

### BEST DIRECTOR

- ☐ "Black Swan" by Darren Aronofsky
- ☐ "The Fighter" by David O. Russell
- ☐ "The King's Speech" by Tom Hooper
- ☐ "The Social Network" by David Fincher
- ☐ "True Grit" by Joel Coen and Ethan Coen

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### BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

- ☐ Christian Bale in "The Fighter"
- ☐ John Hawkes in "Winter's Bone"
- ☐ Jeremy Renner in "The Town"
- ☐ Mark Ruffalo in "The Kids Are All Right"
- ☐ Geoffrey Rush in "The King's Speech"

### BEST ACTOR

- ☐ Javier Bardem in "Biutiful"
- ☐ Jeff Bridges in "True Grit"
- ☐ Jesse Eisenberg in "The Social Network"
- ☐ Colin Firth in "The King's Speech"
- ☐ James Franco in "127 Hours"

### BEST PICTURE

- ☐ "Black Swan" Mike Medavoy, Brian Oliver and Scott Franklin
- ☐ "The Fighter" David Hoberman, Todd Lieberman and Mark Wahlberg
- ☐ "Inception" Emma Thomas and Christopher Nolan
- ☐ "The Kids Are All Right" Gary Gilbert, Jeffrey Levy-Hinte and Celine Rattray
- ☐ "The King's Speech" Iain Canning, Emile Sherman and Gareth Unwin
- ☐ "127 Hours" Christian Colson, Danny Boyle and John Smithson
- ☐ "The Social Network" Scott Rudin, Dana Brunetti, Michael De Luca and Ceán Chaffin
- ☐ "Toy Story 3" Darla K. Anderson
- ☐ "True Grit" Scott Rudin, Ethan Coen and Joel Coen
- ☐ "Winter's Bone" Anne Rosellini and Alix Madigan-Yorkin

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- Monday, **February 21**: Center Closed, President's Day.
- Tuesday, **February 22**: 8:45 am Yoga; 8:30 am Stop and Shop; 9:30 am Public Health Nurse; 1:00 pm Painters welcome; Trip to Providence Place Mall.
- Wednesday, **February 23**: 10:00 am Zumba Gold; 12:00 Fitness with Karen; 1:30 pm Bingo; Breakfast trip to Virginia's.
- Thursday, **February 24**: 9:30 am Public Health Nurse; 9:00 am Bridge; RI Flower Show Trip.
- Friday **February 25**: 8:45 am Yoga; 8:30 am Shaws; Reflexology all day by appointment.
- Monday, **February 28**: 9:00 am Garden Club; 9:00 am Shine; 10:00 am Knitters Group (all welcome); 12:00 pm Fitness with Karen; 12:30 pm Fairhaven Marts; 1:00 pm Scrabble.
- Tuesday, **March 1**: 8:45 am Yoga; 8:30 am Stop and Shop; 9:30 am Public Health Nurse; 1:00 pm Painters Welcome; 12:45 pm Health Care Proxy Talk with desserts.
- Wednesday, **March 2**: 10:00 am Zumba Gold; 12:00 pm Fitness with Karen; 1:30 pm Bingo.
- Thursday, **March 3**: 9:30 am Public Health Nurse; 9:00 am Bridge; Piper Beau's lunch trip.
- Friday, **March 4**: 8:45 am Yoga; 8:30 am Shaws.
- Monday, **March 7**: 9:00 am Garden Club; 9:00 am Shine; 10:00 am Knitters Group (all welcome); 12:00

pm Fitness with Karen; 12:30 pm Fairhaven Marts; 1:00 pm Scrabble.

- Tuesday, **March 8**: 8:45 am Yoga; 8:30 am Stop and Shop; 9:30 am Public Health Nurse; 1:00 pm Painters Welcome; lunch trip to Zen Asian Grill.
  - Wednesday, **March 9**: 10:00 am Zumba Gold; 12:00 Fitness with Karen; 1:30 pm Bingo.
  - Thursday, **March 10**: 9:30 am Public Health Nurse; 9:00 am Bridge.
  - Friday, **March 11**: 8:45 am Yoga; 8:30 am Shaws.
- Reminders for upcoming weeks:**
- **March 5** – Blue Man Group.
  - **March 12** – Reagle Players present *A Bit of Ireland*.

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## MOVIE REVIEW

# Abracadabra

By Rob Gonsalves  
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***The Illusionist*. With the voices of Jean-Claude Donda and Eilidh Rankin. Directed by Sylvain Chomet. Running time: 72 minutes. MPAA rating: PG.**

The Oscar-nominated *The Illusionist*, now playing at the Nickelodeon in North Falmouth, is the latest in an odd, tiny subgenre of films imagining real-life directors as characters in the sorts of films they might've made. (2009's *Double Take*, which envisioned Hitchcock in a Hitchcockian thriller, was another.) Tributes like these, of course, exist primarily out of film-geek love, as well as the sort of homage usually left to novels in which, say, Poe or Arthur Conan Doyle solve some mystery. If we can't have a new film by the long-dead French comedy master Jacques Tati (*M. Hulot's Holiday*), the rationale goes, we might as well embrace a tribute by French animator Sylvain Chomet (*The Triplets of Belleville*).

Tati, born Jacques Tatischeff, only directed a handful of films, though his work spanned decades (his first feature was released in 1949, his last in 1974). He gained his performing chops as a mime in pre-WWII music halls, and this experience seems to inform *The Illusionist*, which, we're told, Tati wrote in 1955 but never made; it was intended as a letter to his estranged daughter. The film itself certainly gets much of its emotional fuel from a father-daughter relationship between the titular magician — drawn and animated as a Tati doppelganger — and a young woman he meets in a Scottish pub. Romance is never possible between them; she is charmed by his sleight of hand, he is charmed by her innocence. She is young; the capacity for happiness hasn't been ground out of her yet.

There are some laughs in *The Illusionist*, but a lot of it is melancholic and somewhat self-pitying. The magician has to wander around looking for steady work (in one strange episode he winds up washing cars at a garage; in another he plies his trade in a shop window, making his employer's wares appear out of a hat), because he can't make consistent money performing illusions for increasingly sparse audiences. It's the 1950s, and rock music has invaded music halls; the Beatles-ish group in the movie is presented, rather meanly and homophobically, as a gaggle of giggling limp-wristed sissies. Meanwhile, all around the magician are similar old-school entertainers — a clown, a ventriloquist — who fall into despair, musing on suicide or pawning their props.



So the movie comes across as a vaguely bitter ode to how things used to be before modernism came and ruined everything. It's beautifully crafted, though. We forget at our peril how miraculous cel animation can be; an entire generation is growing up on the canned plastic of *Gnomeo and Juliet* and twenty other computer-animated romps just like it, and, to put it mildly, they don't all have the taste and ingenuity of a Pixar

production. *The Illusionist* benefits from what I assume is some computer enhancement, but mostly we marvel at precisely drawn people in movements slapstick and subtle, sometimes both (the animation work on the young woman as she gets used to her new shoes is exemplary). The landscapes are gorgeous, the background characters are always doing something; it's a fully created world, and one well worth seeing on a big screen. But the nostalgic sadness that suffuses this story — which has been divorced somewhat from its painful source — leaves us with little except how tragic it is when artists are outmoded. For an animator who sees multiplexes clotted with stuff like *Gnomeo and Juliet*, this movie may be more autobiographical than even Tati's original script was.

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- **March 31** – Wrentham Premium Outlets.
- **April 7** – Frugal Fannie's and La Chateau.

### **From Mattapoissett Town Clerk**

• **Annual Town Election** – The Annual Town Election for the town of Mattapoissett will be held on Tuesday, **May 17**. Nomination papers are available at the Town Clerk's Office. The office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The last day that these papers may be applied for is Friday March 25 and must be returned by the close of day on Monday, March 28.

• **2011 Dog License** – 2011 Licenses are available. Please note that the fees have increased, Male/Female license is \$12, and if the dog is spayed or neutered the fee is \$9. If the owner of the dog is 70 years old or older the license fee is waived. A current rabies must be on file for all dogs before the license can be issued.

• **Annual Town Census** – Mattapoissett's Annual Town Census forms should be received by every household within the next week. Please take the time to look it over, make any necessary corrections, date and sign and return to the Town Clerk's Office. If you have any questions concerning the form, please feel free to call the office at 508-758-4103 ext 2. There is a dog license renewal form on the back of your census form. Enclose a check for the required amount made out to the Town of Mattapoissett and return with the census form, a 2011 license will be mailed to you.

• **Boat Bills** – Wharf, Skiff, Mooring and Boat Sticker bills have been mailed and are due and payable 60 days from bill date. If not paid by April 1 a late bill will be issued with an additional fee of \$50. If you did not receive a bill and you should have or if you have any questions or concerns please call the clerk's office at 508-758-4103 ext 2.

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# TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



## MARION

*Log highlights Feb 6-Feb 12*

- Mill St – Death
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious person/arrest
- Mill St – General service
- Front St – Disorderly person
- Joanne Dr – MVA/property
- Crest Dr. – EMS-mutual aid
- Benson Brook Rd – Suspicious activity
- Washburn Ln – Fire alarm
- Main St – Medical emergency
- Cove Cr – Medical emergency
- Spring St – Larceny/past
- Shell Heap Rd – Burglar alarm
- Water St – Burglar alarm
- Front St – Motor vehicle complaint
- Front St – Found property
- Spring St – Suspicious person
- Point Rd – Parking violation
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Wareham Rd – Animal complaint
- Beach St – General service
- Point Rd – vandalism/past
- Rte 195 west – Vehicle fire
- Front St – Medical emergency
- Point Rd – Message delivery
- Rte 195 west – MVA/property
- Point St – Message delivery
- Rezendes Ter – Disturbance/family
- Stoney Run Ln – Animal complaint
- Front St – Motor vehicle stop
- Mill St – Fire alarm

## MATTAPOISETT

*Log highlights Feb 6-Feb 12*

- North St – Safety/road hazard
- Fairhaven Rd – Alarm, burglar
- Water St – General service
- Tallman St. – Officer wanted
- Tupola Ln – 209A order issued/extended
- Park St – Fire, structure
- Marion Rd – Suspicious persons
- County Rd – Assault
- Industrial Dr – MV violations
- Angelica Ave – MV violations
- North St. – Health/welfare
- County Rd – General service
- Gary Dr – Ambulance request
- Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
- Acushnet Rd – Alarm, fire
- North St – MV violations
- Aucoot Rd – MV violations
- Fairhaven Rd – Disabled MV
- Marion Rd – General service
- Wolf Island Rd – MV crash
- Park St – Suspicious motor vehicle
- Homestead St – Officer wanted
- River Rd – Burglary structure
- North St – MV violations
- 195 w/b - Fire, auto
- Mendell St – Summons service
- County Rd – MV violations
- Marion Rd – Ambulance request
- Pine Island Rd – Animal control
- Prospect Rd – Prospect Rd

## ROCHESTER

*Log highlights Feb 6-Feb 12*

- North Ave – Suspicious activity
- North Ave – Highway matter
- Neck Rd – General service
- High St – Disabled MV
- Dexter Ln – Suspicious motor vehicle
- North Ave – General services
- Abraham Ave – Restraining order
- Walnut Plain Rd – Motor vehicle stop
- Dexter Ln – Threats
- Rounseville Rd – Assist citizen
- Marion Rd – Motor vehicle stop
- Rounseville Rd – Complaint
- Cross Rd – Ambulance request
- Mary's Pond Rd – Restraining order
- Ryder Rd – Animal control
- High St – Utilities
- Neck Rd – Motor vehicle stop
- Pine St – Parking violation
- Tilson Rd – Suspicious activity
- Quaker Ln – Traffic hazard
- Benjamin Dr – Alarm, fire
- Neck Rd - Health/welfare
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Randall Rd – Animal control
- Mary's Pond Rd – Paper service
- Burgess Ave – Ambulance request
- Higginson Ln – Alarm, burglar
- North Ave – Vandalism
- New Bedford Rd - Lockout
- Ryder Rd – Ambulance request

## LOCAL CABLE PROGRAMMING



### PUBLIC ACCESS Comcast Channel 9 Verizon Channel 36

**Sunday Feb. 20, 2011**

6:30 AM – Words of Peace  
7:00 AM – Second Coming Church  
8:00 AM – New Testament Church of Cedarville  
9:00 AM – Music and the Spoken Word  
9:30 AM – The First Congregational Church of Rochester  
11:00 AM – Physician Focus  
11:30 AM – White House Chronicle  
Noon – The Register's Report  
12:30 PM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show  
1:00 PM – Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls  
1:30 PM – Navigating the Way for Seniors  
2:00 PM – Music and the Spoken Word  
2:30 PM – The First Congregational Church of Rochester  
4:00 PM – New Testament Church of Cedarville  
5:00 PM – Words of Peace  
5:30 PM – Veterans Story  
7:00 PM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show  
7:30 PM – Physician Focus  
8:00 PM – The Sippican Historical Society Presents  
9:30 PM – Dartmouth Community Medical School  
Midnight – Midnight Movie

**Monday Feb. 21, 2011**

8:00 AM – Growing Old is Not for Sissies  
8:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle  
9:00 AM – The Future of Fishing  
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch  
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle  
Noon – Midday Movie  
2:00 PM – Jazzercise  
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch  
3:00 PM – Words of Peace  
4:00 PM – Earth Focus  
4:30 PM – Explore  
5:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show  
5:30 PM – Around BCC  
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym

7:00 PM – Your Daily Gumbo  
9:00 PM – White House Chronicle  
9:30 PM – Army Newswatch  
10:00 PM – Smart Boating  
10:30 PM – Life Matters  
11:00 PM – The David Pakman Show  
Midnight – Midnight Movie

**Tuesday Feb. 22, 2011**

8:00 AM – Navigating the Way for Seniors  
8:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle  
9:00 AM – Graceland Aging  
9:30 AM – ORCTV's Non Profit Highlights  
10:00 AM – Senior Scene  
10:30 AM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show  
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch  
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle  
Noon – Midday Movie  
2:00 PM – Jazzercise  
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch  
3:00 PM – Dartmouth Community Medical School  
5:30 PM – Graceland Aging  
6:30 PM – The Dr. Is In  
7:00 PM – Homefront  
7:25 PM – ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights  
8:00 PM – Upper Cape Tech Presents – Careers  
8:30 PM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show  
10:00 PM – Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls  
10:30 PM – Physician Focus  
Midnight – Midline Mausoleum

**Wednesday Feb. 23, 2011**

8:00 AM – Second Act  
8:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle  
9:00 AM – Gardening Rhythms  
10:00 AM – Cooking with Marie  
10:30 AM – Living Healthy – with Jackie Bell  
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch  
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle  
Noon – Midday Movie  
2:00 PM – Jazzercise

2:30 PM – Senior Stretch  
3:00 PM – So-Fi Journal  
4:00 PM – The David Pakman Show  
5:00 PM – Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy  
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym  
8:00 PM – The David Pakman Show  
9:00 PM – The Register's Report  
10:00 PM – Future Talk  
10:30 PM – Life Matters  
11:00 PM – 30 Odd Minutes  
Midnight – Midnight Movie  
1:30 AM – So-Fi Journal

**Thursday Feb. 24, 2011**

8:00 AM – Navigating the Way for Seniors  
8:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle  
9:00 AM – The Register's Report  
10:00 AM – Joe the Water Pro  
10:30 AM – Oven Luv'n with Chef Melissa  
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch  
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle  
Noon – Midday Movie  
2:00 PM – Jazzercise  
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch  
3:30 PM – ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights  
4:00 PM – Your Daily Gumbo  
6:30 PM – Inside ORCTV  
7:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show  
7:30 PM – The Cooking Hour  
8:30 PM – The Jazz Room Live  
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers  
11:00 PM – Music Hour  
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers  
2:00 AM – Midnight Mausoleum

**Friday Feb. 25, 2011**

8:00 AM – ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights  
8:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle  
9:00 AM – Gardening Rhythms  
10:00 AM – Cooking with Marie  
10:30 AM – Living Healthy – with Jackie Bell

11:00 AM – Senior Stretch  
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle  
Noon – Midday Movie  
1:30 PM – Cape Cod Book Scene  
2:00 PM – Jazzercise  
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch  
5:00 PM – Explore  
5:30 PM – Earth Focus  
6:00 PM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show  
6:30 PM – Navigating the Way for Seniors  
7:00 PM – Second Act  
8:00 PM – Around BCC  
10:00 PM – Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls  
10:30 PM – ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights  
11:00 PM – 30 Odd Minutes  
11:30 PM – The Steve Katsos Show  
Midnight – Friday Night at the Drive-In - Midnight Movies

**Saturday Feb. 26, 2011**

8:00 AM – Classic Cartoon Festival  
10:00 AM – NASA 360  
11:30 AM – Oven Luv'n with Chef Melissa  
Noon – U-Mass Dartmouth Winter Sports  
2:00 PM – Around BCC  
2:30 PM – 30 Odd Minutes  
4:00 PM – Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy  
6:00 PM – New England Daycares  
6:30 PM – Upper Cape Tech Careers  
7:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show  
7:30 PM – The Cooking Hour  
8:30 PM – The Jazz Room Live  
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers  
11:00 PM – Music Hour  
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers  
2:00 AM – The Dungeon of Dreck

**MARION GOVERNMENT  
Comcast Channel 95  
Verizon Channel 39  
Daily Schedule**  
8:00 AM – Marion School Committee

11:00 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting  
1:00 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting  
2:45 PM – Tri-Town Board of Selectmen  
4:00 PM – Marion School Committee  
6:30 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting  
8:15 PM – Tri-Town Board of Selectmen  
9:30 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting

**ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT  
Comcast Channel 95  
Verizon Channel 40  
Daily Schedule**

8:00 AM – Rochester School Committee  
9:55 AM – Tri-Town Board of Selectmen  
11:00 AM – Latest Planning Board Meeting  
1:00 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting  
2:05 PM – Rochester ZBA Hearing  
4:05 PM – Rochester School Committee  
6:00 PM – Tri-Town Board of Selectmen  
7:05 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting  
8:00 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting  
10:15 PM – Rochester ZBA Hearing

**EDUCATION CHANNEL  
Comcast Channel 18  
Verizon Channel 37  
Daily Schedule**

8:00 AM – Upper Cape Tech Presents – Careers  
8:30 AM – Teen TV – Teens Against Violence  
9:00 AM – ORRHS Boys Basketball  
10:30 AM – RMS - Readin', Ritin' & Rockin' 2010  
1:00 PM – Tom Bliss Presents: NEC Prep Combo - January, 2011  
2:00 PM – ORRHS Hockey  
5:00 PM – Upper Cape Tech Presents – Careers  
5:30 PM – ORRHS Boys Basketball  
7:00 PM – ORRHS Senior Superlative Gala - 2010  
8:30 PM – ORRHS Bulldog TV - Fall 2010 Show  
9:30 PM – Tom Bliss Presents: NEC Prep Combo - January, 2011



### Cat and Dog Rabies Clinic

A cat and dog rabies clinic is scheduled for **March 6** from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Fire Station on Route 6. The fee is \$10 per animal. All animals must be properly restrained. All dogs must be leashed and all cats must be in cat carriers. Licensing will be available for Mattapoisett residents at \$12 for unneutered males or unspayed females or \$9 for spayed or neutered animals.

The event is sponsored by the Mattapoisett Board of Health. For more information, call 508-758-4100 ext. 8.

### From the Rochester Town Clerk

• **Annual Town Election** – The Annual Town Election for the town of Rochester will be held on the Second Wednesday in April, which is **April 13**. Nomination papers are available at the Town Clerk's office for positions on the Annual Town Election. These papers may be applied for between the hours of 9:00 am and 12:00 pm Monday through Friday and Monday evenings between 5:00 and 6:30 pm. The last day to apply for and return nomination papers is February 23.

The last day to register to vote for the April 13 election will be March 24. The office will be open from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm on March 24 for Voter Registration.

• **Dog Licenses** – The 2011 dog license period has begun. This is a reminder that it is time to come in and license your dog at the office of the Town Clerk. The fee is \$7 for a neutered or spayed dog, or \$10 for an un-neutered or un-spayed dog. Failure to license your dog by July 1 shall result in a \$25 fine per dog. Owners may also be subject to legal action. Massachusetts Law requires proof of rabies vaccination at time of licensing so please bring it with you.

### Marion Natural History Museum

The following **after school programs** – which will take place from 3:30 to 4:30 pm – are being offered. The cost is \$4 for members and \$6 for non-members.

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## ACROSS

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5 Russian ruler  
9 '87 Peace Prize winner  
14 Incur, as bills  
19 "Thanks —!"  
20 Dingy digs  
21 Jargon  
22 Crop up  
23 Clothing store?  
25 Gary Cooper in "High Noon?"  
27 Asian nation  
28 Jab  
30 Genetic info  
31 Poetic preposition  
32 Stoltz or Severeid  
34 Actress Perlmutter  
38 Brazil bits  
41 Seats picked up in the Senate?  
45 Bank (on)  
46 Tai — (martial art)  
47 Recruit-to-be  
48 Baseball's Sammy  
50 Coaxed  
54 Plane place  
57 Bedroom furniture  
59 Elbow —  
60 Available  
61 Photo finish

- 62 Bright  
64 Part of MST  
65 Mediocre  
67 Mason's need  
68 Any  
69 Deplores  
70 Scandinavian computer?  
73 Puts another worm on the hook?  
75 Composer Janacek  
76 Chip off Woody's block  
78 Archaeological site  
81 Class ring?  
82 Galley feature  
83 Absolutely adored  
84 "— Gay"  
86 Socialite Perle  
90 Anti-knock stuff  
92 Glisten  
94 Chaos  
95 Puppeteer Lewis  
96 Israeli dance  
97 Counterfeit  
99 States, for short  
100 Mighty mite  
103 Marina statistics?  
107 Corelli composition  
109 Macpherson

- of "Sirens"  
Word form for "minute"  
111 Salon request  
112 La-la lead-in  
114 Castle material  
117 Contaminate  
121 NBA handi-cappers?  
127 "One really thick steak, please?"  
129 Simpson of fashion  
130 Paul of "American Graffiti"  
131 Currier's partner  
132 Siegmeyer or Wiesel  
133 Greek sandwiches  
134 Atlanta campus  
135 AMEX rival  
136 Take-out order?

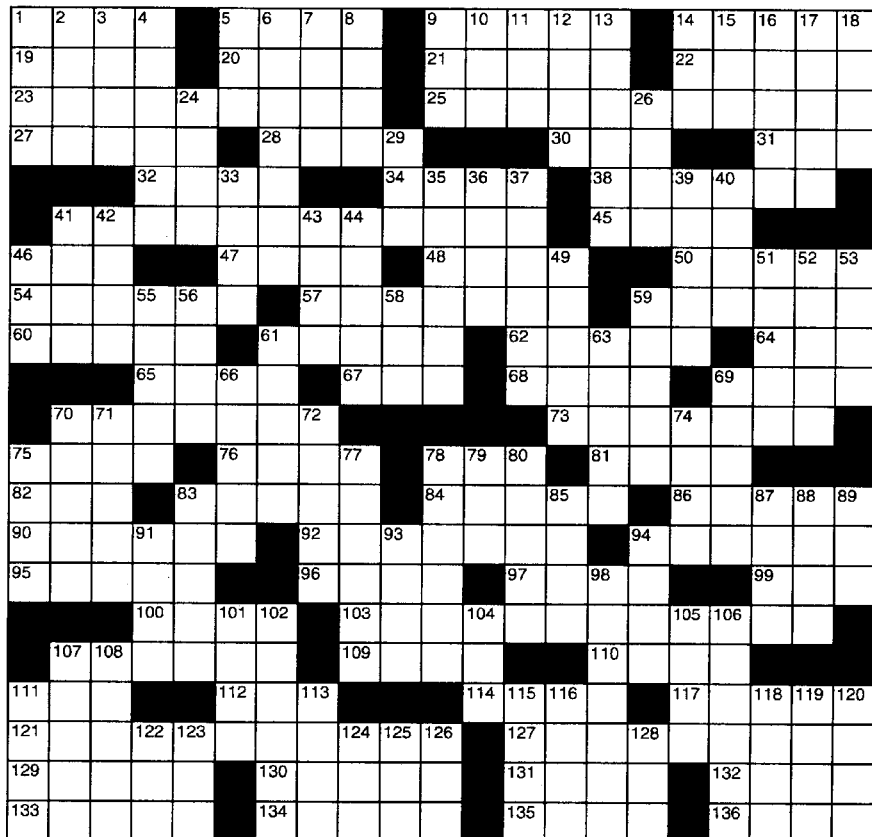
## DOWN

- 1 Stare stupidly  
2 Dairy-case purchase  
3 Piglet's papa  
4 Meryl of "Marvin's Room"  
5 Even if, informally  
6 Trace  
7 As well

- 8 Stink  
9 "— of You" ('84 hit)  
10 — Branco, Brazil  
11 Caravansary  
12 Like fine wine  
13 Tulsa type  
14 Brit. fliers  
15 Psychic Geller  
16 More congenial  
17 PC enthusiasts  
18 Parisian papa  
24 Mata —  
26 Singer Georgie  
29 Significant years  
33 "Take — leave it!"  
35 Sounded like a serpent  
36 Seth's son  
37 Evaluate  
39 Divulge, with "out"  
40 Bronte heroine  
41 Detective Charlie  
42 Nonstandard contraction  
43 A swan was her swain  
44 Country star Brooks  
46 Comic Margaret  
49 Strong suit

- 51 Entire range  
52 Senator Kefauver  
53 Cozy rooms  
55 Pants  
56 Each  
58 Monty's milieu  
59 Loon's relative  
61 Demi or Dudley  
63 It multiplies by dividing  
66 Declare  
69 Bendix role  
70 TV host Robin  
71 Major artery  
72 Swanky  
74 Soprano Gluck  
75 See  
83 Down  
77 Block  
78 Go off track  
79 Print-shop supply  
80 Emulates O'Meara  
83 With  
75 Down, "Gigi" author  
85 Turn pages  
87 Andrew of "Melrose Place"  
88 "Guarding —" ('94 film)  
89 Flock o' docs  
91 Irish island group  
93 Inland sea  
94 Big

- beginning  
98 Ignites  
101 Conductor Klemperer  
102 Christie sleuth  
104 Bandleader Brown  
105 Till  
106 Laughed loudly  
107 Disreputable  
108 Aquatic animal  
111 Unexpected obstacle  
113 "Excuse me"  
115 Exiled dictator  
116 Dark blue  
118 Run in neutral  
119 Sedaka or Simon  
120 Dendrologist's concern  
122 Arafat's grp.  
123 Part of USAR  
124 Funnyman Philips  
125 Prepare to feather?  
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## SALOME'S STARS

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) St. Valentine's Day magic rules the entire week for romantic Rams and Ewes. Music, which is the food of love, is also strong. The weekend offers news both unexpected and anticipated.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your aspects favor the arts -- which the Divine Bovine loves, loves, loves. Also, for those looking for romantic love, Cupid is available for requests. After all, his mother, Venus, rules your sign.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Loving commitments continue to grow stronger. Ditto budding relationships. A recent move to help start up a new career-linked direction could soon begin to show signs of progress.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Single Moon Children might be eager to take that proverbial chance on love. But your more serious side will feel better if you take things slowly and give your moonstruck self more time.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) It's a love fest for Leos and Leonas this week. Paired Cats might expect to be purr-fectly in sync. And with matchmaking friends, single Simbas searching for romance shouldn't have too far to look.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) More understanding on both sides can work miracles in restoring ailing relationships to health. Make the first move, and you'll be closer to your much-wanted reunion.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Accept the fact that you are worthy of being loved, and you'll find proof in what is revealed to you over the course of the week. Also accept a compliment offered with great sincerity.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Planning to take a new direction in life is exciting. And so is a new awareness of someone's special affection. Expect a slow and mostly steady development of the situation.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Although you might still feel you weren't treated quite right in a recent matter, all that will work out in time. Meanwhile, enjoy the week's special qualities and potentials.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Deciding not to give up on a troubling romantic situation helps start the healing process. Expect to find some valuable insight into yourself as things move along.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) The week is filled with positive potentials, but it's up to you to make the right choices. The advice of someone who truly cares for you and your well-being can be priceless.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) It's a good time to make yourself available to possibilities of the romantic kind. Already paired? Good. In that case, be sure to reassure that special person of your feelings.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your generosity gladdens the hearts of others, and you bask in their joy.

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Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI), is one of only a handful of marine biologists tapped by the federal government to determine the cause of death in protected marine mammals. The program will examine actual samples of whalebone and baleen from WHOI during this program.

- **March 9:** Fun with Rockets – Dr. William (Toby) Dills, of UMass Dartmouth's Chemistry Department, will be helping attendees build and launch their own rockets. The rockets will be built from one and/or two liter soda/seltzer bottles. Please bring at least two bottles. Preregistration is required in order to have enough materials. Please dress warmly as the rockets will be launched outside.

- **March 30:** Animal Adaptations - Why hibernate instead of migrate? Which animal has "antifreeze" in its blood? What animals go from egg to adult in three months and why? As the seasons move from winter to spring, what adaptations are animals experiencing? What changes are occurring and why? Can we build a better animal?

- **April 6:** Trees and other things - Amateur naturalist/botanist and former teacher Mike (Martha) Schroeder will be helping attendees explore the world of twigs, trees and other woody growth. The program will examine tree cookies, logs and twigs and learning how woody plants grow.

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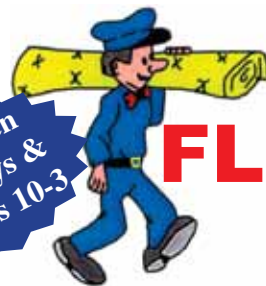
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- **March 12:** 1:00 pm – "Tracking program with Walnut Hill Tracking and Nature Center" will allow attendees to experience the excitement of tracking animals in the winter. Most mammals remain active throughout the cold-weather months; knowing how and where to look, we can find evidence of their daily lives and the struggle for survival in the forest. Join us as we have a brief introduction to tracking in the museum and then enjoy the beauty and solitude of one of the Sippican Land Trust Properties. Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult.

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**Above Left:** Wanderer readers Albert and Eileen Caron at the Panama Canal on October 22, 2010.

**Above Right:** The Cub Scouts, from Mattapoissett Pack No. 53, visited the USS Massachusetts at Battleship Cove in Fall River on October 16, 2010. Standing in the back row left to right: Blake Dennison, Brandon Wilbur, Luke Couto, Hunter Hanks and Patrick Servais. Bottom row left to right: Cole Dennison and William Osborne. Photo courtesy of Michele Couto

**Left:** Essam, Jane and Andrew Awad, with The Wanderer in tow, enjoyed a family vacation to Jerusalem in November 2010. Photo courtesy of Jane Awad



**Left:** Rochester seniors did not forget The Wanderer during a recent eight-day trip to Branson, MO, where they took in 25 spectacular Christmas shows and attractions. Photo courtesy of Sharon Lally.

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**SUBDIVISION CONTROL RULES & REGULATIONS**  
Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, The Planning Board of the Town of Mattapoisett, MA will hold a public hearing to discuss a proposed amendment to the town's zoning by-laws. The public hearing will be held as follows:  
Place: Mattapoisett Town Hall / First floor Conference Room, 16 Main Street – Mattapoisett, MA.  
Date: Monday March 7th, 2011  
Time: 7:00pm  
The subject matter of the proposed amendment is indicated below. The complete text relative to the proposed amendment is available for inspection during regular business hours at the following places(s)...

Mattapoisett Town Hall available in Town Clerk's office, Monday through Friday between 8:00am – 4:00pm. Mattapoisett Town Hall available in office of Planning Board, Tuesday & Thursday 8:00am – 1:00pm.

(Note: the above information is strictly required by G.L. c. 40A, S 5.)

Proposed Amendment; Increase the size of Mattapoisett's Family Related Apartments (Zoning By-law Article 5.1.5.4.3.5.) from 500 square feet to 700 square feet to come into conformity with the Massachusetts State suggested guidelines.

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by Linda Thistle

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*Chicago* again lay dormant until November 14, 1996 when its revival at the Richard Rodgers Theater on Broadway garnered six Tony Awards, including Best Revival. In December 2002 yet another film starring Catherine Zeta-Jones, Richard Gere, and Renee Zellweger hit the silver screen. Since its third incarnation, *Chicago* hasn't looked back. On December 27, 2007, the Broadway production welcomed its five millionth audience.

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The production team consists of: **Mark Howland**, director; **David Horne**, musical director; **Richard VanVorhis**, technical director; **Susan Kistler**, assistant technical director; **Danielle Latulippe**, choreographer; and **Annemarie Fredericks**, **Ruth Finnie**, **Alexandra Spirtes** '13, and **Hattie Willemsen** '13, costume designers.

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• **Café Parlez** – The February book for Café Parlez is *Little Bee*, by Chris Cleave. *Little Bee*, smart

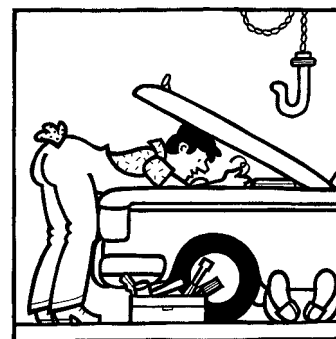
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and stoic, knows two people in England, Andrew and Sarah, journalists she chanced upon on a Nigerian beach after fleeing a massacre in her village. This book will be discussed on Thursday, **February 24** at 6:30 pm. Books and audiobooks are available at the desk, or bring your own copy. You may also borrow an audio copy from the Overdrive service at the SAILS website.

• **Non-Fiction Club** – The February book for the Nonfiction Book Discussion Group will be *The Lost City of Z: A Tale of Deadly Obsession in the Amazon*, by David Grann. In 1925, renowned British explorer Col. Percy Harrison Fawcett embarked on a much-publicized search to find the city of Z, site of an ancient Amazonian civilization that may or may not have existed. Fawcett, along with his grown son Jack, never returned, but that didn't stop countless others from venturing into the jungle to find Fawcett or the city. Among these adventure seekers was author David Grann, a writer with bad eyesight and even worse sense of direction. The group will discuss this book on Monday, **February 28** at 6:30 pm. Copies of the book are available at the desk.

• **Mad Science** – The ever-popular Mad Science returns for the February school vacation on Tuesday, **February 22** at 3:00 pm with "Wacky Weather". See how weather systems are formed and measured. Examine and test anemometers. See how a cloud is formed. See how temperature affects pressure. Lift a classmate – using air! Each participant will take home a UV Bead Kit. This program is for ages K-6, and pre-registration is required. Space is limited, so register now by dropping by the library, or calling 508-763-8600. You can also email Miss Lisa at [lfuller@sailsinc.org](mailto:lfuller@sailsinc.org).

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• **Bruins Summer Reading Winner** – The Plumb Library would also like to announce a winner in the Bruins Summer Reading contest. **Troy Rood** of Rochester won the Zamboni Ride prize and will get to ride the Zamboni during the Boston Bruins Home Game on April 6, 2011.



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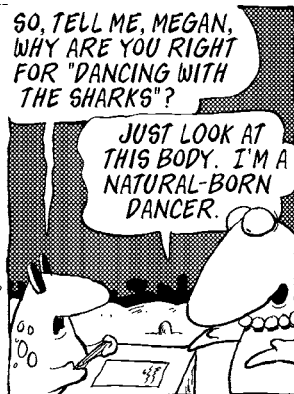
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• **Chinese Culture Program** – Join Haiying Zhang and library staff in celebrating Chinese New Year on Thursday, **February 24** from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. Children will make a paper dragon, see Chinese costumes, and will have a chance to enjoy fried rice with chopsticks. Haiying Zhang will write each child's name in Chinese characters and will read a traditional Chinese story. Come celebrate the Year of the Rabbit in the children's room.

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• **Learn More About Osteoporosis** – Dr. Suzelle Luc will present a program on osteoporosis on Friday, **March 11** at 2:00 pm in the downstairs community room at the library. Dr. Luc will offer an audiovisual presentation and answer questions. Co-sponsored with the Mattapoisett Council on Aging, transportation is available by calling 508-758-4110. Refreshments will be served.

• **Cooks and Books** – Join others for a fun and food-filled evening with Cooks and Books at the library on Tuesday, March 1. The guest speaker **Karen Covey**, food writer and blogger at [www.GourmetRecipesforOne.com](http://www.GourmetRecipesforOne.com), has recently been named a finalist for best consumer epicurean website on Folio's list of 2010 Eddie and Ozzie Awards. Ms. Covey will be speaking about cooking from the pantry, and the ways we can eat healthy and delicious food, even when cooking for one or two. Participants are encouraged to bring cookbooks no longer needed for a cookbook swap. For each book you bring, you may take one home. Delicious tastes of locally made or grown foods are available at each meeting.

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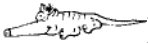
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February 18:	Fri.	7:34	7:59	12:53	1:32
February 19:	Sat.	8:23	8:48	1:45	2:13
February 20:	Sun.	9:12	9:39	2:35	2:54
February 21:	Mon.	10:03	10:32	3:25	3:35
February 22:	Tues.	10:56	11:26	4:14	4:18
February 23:	Wed.	11:51	...	5:07	5:04
February 24:	Thurs.	12:23	12:48	6:15	6:00
February 25:	Fri.	1:24	1:49	8:15	7:15
February 26:	Sat.	2:29	2:54	9:37	9:11
February 27:	Sun.	3:37	4:01	10:33	10:21
February 28:	Mon.	4:41	5:01	11:16	11:07
March 1:	Tues.	5:36	5:52	11:48	11:44
March 2:	Wed.	6:21	6:35	...	12:11
March 3:	Thurs.	7:01	7:14	12:18	12:35
March 4:	Fri.	7:38	7:49	12:53	1:04
March 5:	Sat.	8:13	8:23	1:30	1:37
March 6:	Sun.	8:46	8:56	2:06	2:10
<b>Phases of the Moon</b>	<b>Full Moon</b>	February 18th			
	<b>Last Quarter</b>	February 24th			
	<b>New Moon</b>	March 4th			
	<b>First Quarter</b>	March 12th			

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